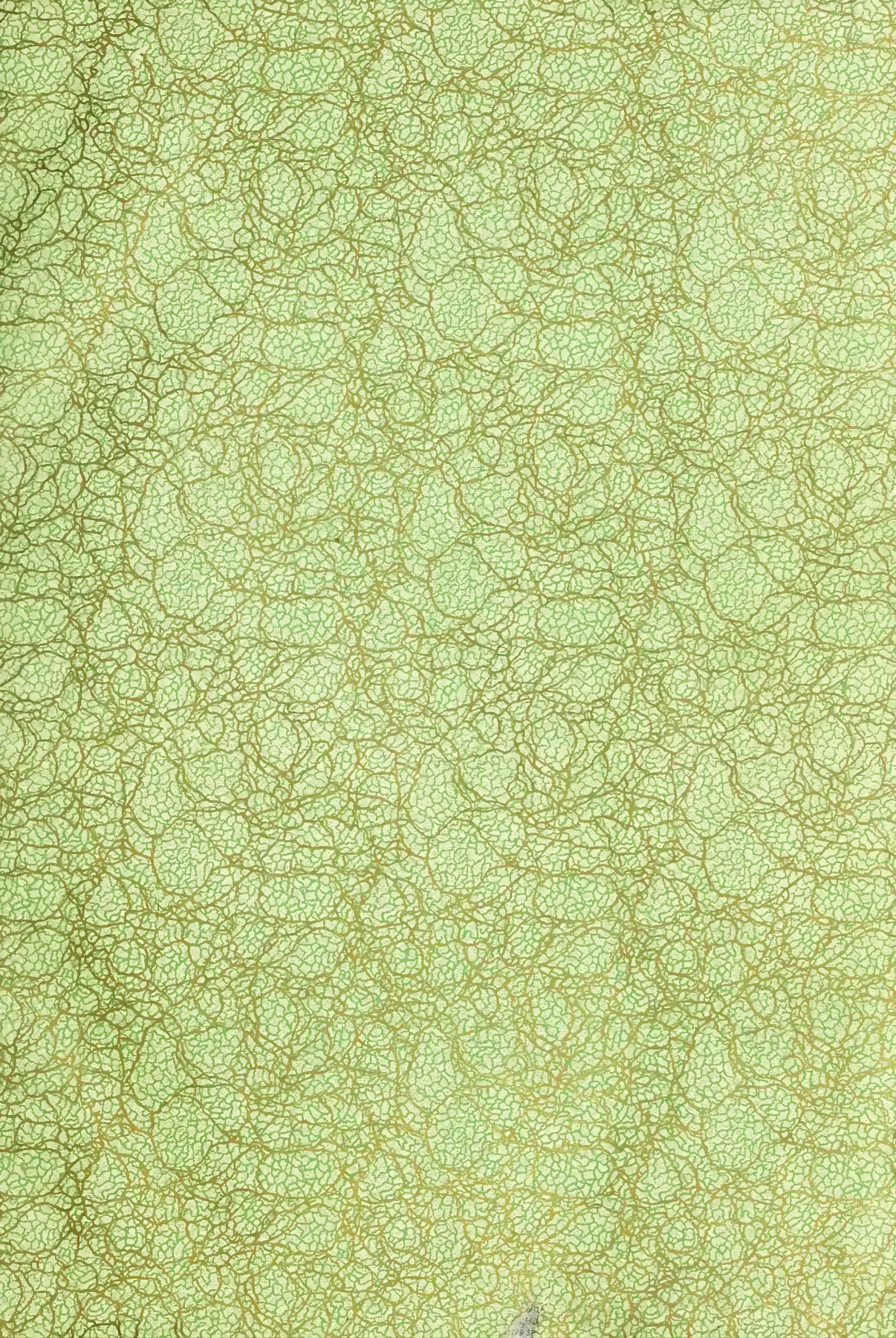




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LESLIE WILLSON.

A large and distinctive contribution to progress and municipal improvement in Chippewa Falls was made by the late Leslie Willson, who became identified with the state in 1867, was for a number of years in business at Eau Claire, and during the seventeen years of his residence in Chippewa Falls built up one of the largest concerns in the mercantile district. Throughout his long and prosperous career he was one of the best friends and benefactors of his home city. He was not sixty years of age when his course was finished. In every community death is constantly taking its toll from the living, however valuable their lives and services. It was a conspicuous member of Chippewa Falls' citizenship whose life came to an end on December 6, 1906, and the people of both Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls paid many tributes of respect to their former associate and friend. When, a few days later, his body was laid to rest in Forest Hill cemetery, an unusual honor was paid to his memory in the general cessation of business and the closing of all stores.

Leslie Willson was a Pennsylvania by birth, born at Sugar Grove in Warren county, May 1, 1847. When he was fifteen years of age, and after he had received most of his early education in Pennsylvania schools, the family went to what was then the far west, locating in 1862 at Hastings, Minnesota, and soon afterwards at Winona, that state. His father for upwards of twenty-five years and until the time of his death was president of the Merchants National Bank of that city.

The late Leslie Willson was twenty years of age when, in 1867, he became associated with the Eau Claire Lumber Company at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Later that business was closed out, and Mr. Willson subsequently represented as traveling salesman the firm of Bell, Conrad & Company of Chicago, selling teas, coffees and spices over the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota for a period of seventeen years, still making Eau Claire his home. From 1889 until his death, Mr. Willson made his home in Chippewa Falls. Twenty-four years ago he organized the Chippewa Valley Mercantile Company, a wholesale grocery house of which at the time of his demise he was both president and active manager. In the beginning it was a small concern but under his able and practical management it developed in the course of years into one of the leading mercantile enterprises of Chippewa county. Mr. Willson erected the fine warehouses which are now in use and the general offices, which occupy a space of

one hundred and fifty by one hundred and twenty feet and comprise a large four-story structure of brick and stone. Practically all the stock in this company was owned by him. To no small degree the development of Chippewa Falls as a commercial center was due to the initiative and enterprise of the late Leslie Willson. He was numbered among the most capable and farsighted business men of the city and aside from his individual interests took an active part in the promotion of many progressive public projects, so that his passing deprived Chippewa Falls of a valued and representative citizen. As a business builder he had few equals among his associates in northern Wisconsin.

His success in business he again and again converted into practical assistance and cooperation in behalf of the general welfare of Chippewa Falls. Public offices and places of honor were frequently offered to him but he preferred to work in the ranks, although he was always present with his counsel and generous of his means. It is said that Leslie Willson very often subscribed liberally to stock in order to locate new industries in Chippewa Falls. Almost the only office ever held by him was that of president of the Progressive League, which he accepted under protest. Probably a greater tribute was never rendered a man by his fellow citizens than that conveyed in the resolutions and testimonial written by the Progressive League in memory of Mr. Willson, a copy of which is framed and hangs on the walls of the office of the institution which he established.

His place in the community was recognized by all, and of the many tributes paid to his life and services at the time of his death, one of the best is the following paragraph quoted from the leading Chippewa Falls daily paper: "Leslie Willson leaves a place that cannot be filled in this community. He was a forceful character and striking personality. His many friends were loyal to him to a marked degree. There is genuine sorrow throughout the community over the loss of a man in the fullest sense of the term, and a friend who loved to see his city progress and develop. Mr. Willson could be depended upon to aid any legitimate enterprise for the benefit of the city. He was a most potent factor in the Progressive League council, and doubtless his influence in building up the city was greater than that of any other man in the League * * * He did his work modestly, but effectively, and solely with the interests of his fellowmen in mind. A very successful business man, a highly esteemed citizen, and a loving husband, Mr. Willson was a high type of manhood that was refreshing to meet."

On the 16th of September, 1884, Leslie Willson married Miss Nellie Wilson, a native of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and a daughter of R. F. and Martha (Newton) Wilson, the former a pioneer lumberman in that vicinity. He died in February, 1903, at the age of seventy-eight, and is buried in the Forest Hill cemetery at Eau Claire. His wife survives him and makes her home with Mrs. Leslie Willson. Since her husband's death Mrs. Willson is continuing the business of the Chippewa Valley Mercantile Company.

A few years ago she erected in Forest Hill cemetery a beautiful chapel known as the Leslie Willson Memorial Chapel. This monument to her late husband was built not merely as a superficial structure to prolong the memory of the dead but as an institution of lasting usefulness for the public and a fitting memorial for a man who did so much for Chippewa Falls. The chapel,

modeled after the architectural lines of the celebrated Parthenon, provides, in addition to catacombs for the immediate family, a beautifully arranged and decorated chapel for funeral services and a public vault where the people may place their dead temporarily until other arrangements are made for their disposal. The entire structure is built in the most permanent manner of stone, cement, steel and enameled brick.

SAMUEL W. SHAFER.

Samuel W. Shafer owns and operates a fine farm of eighty acres on section 23, Lafayette township, a property which he developed through persistent and intelligent effort from a wild tract of brush land. He has been a resident of Chippewa county since 1885 but was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1868, his parents being Phaion and Mary (Cline) Shafer. The father moved with his family to Chippewa county in 1884 and settled on an unimproved tract of land which he cleared of a heavy growth of brush and timber and brought finally to a high state of cultivation. He enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil war and engaged in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He was a democrat in his political beliefs and interested in the growth and welfare of the community. His wife passed away in 1885 and is buried in Lafayette cemetery. The family is of Pennsylvania-Dutch origin and has been in America for several generations.

Samuel W. Shafer began his education in the public schools of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and continued it in Michigan. He laid aside his books at the age of sixteen and then assisted his father with the work of the homestead and hired out as a farm laborer in Chippewa county, continuing thus for twenty years thereafter. In 1891 he purchased his present property but for some time thereafter engaged in its cultivation in connection with his farm labor in the employ of others. With untiring energy he cleared the property of the dense growth of brush and timber and after ten years every foot of the soil was broken and the work of development begun. Today this is one of the finest properties in his locality and is equipped with a comfortable residence, good farm buildings and excellent machinery. Upon it Mr. Shafer carries on mixed farming and his well directed efforts have met with a gratifying and substantial success.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 3d of June, 1903, Mr. Shafer was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Innes, a daughter of William and Isabella (Kennedy) Innes, the former of whom came from Scotland with his parents in 1843, when he was three years of age. The family settled on a farm near Milwaukee, where William Innes grew to manhood. He afterward followed the carpentering trade there and at Chippewa Falls and in 1872 settled on a farm on section 28, Lafayette township. He cleared one hundred and twenty acres and in the course of years won a gratifying degree of success and accumulated a substantial fortune. He resided upon his property until 1909, when he retired and is one of the most highly respected citizens of Chippewa Falls. His wife passed away in 1904, when she was fifty-eight years of age, and is buried in Lafayette

cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Shafer have two children, Warren L. and Isabelle M., who are attending school.

Mr. Shafer is independent in his political beliefs and a devout member of the Methodist church. He belongs to the Fraternal Reserves Association. He is an industrious and progressive business man and through patience, perseverance, honesty and integrity has met with success in his farming operations, being accounted one of the substantial and representative men of his community.

E. H. BURNHAM.

E. H. Burnham is the owner and editor of the Holcombe Journal, an eight-page weekly which he established in 1906. His birth occurred in Princeton, Minnesota, on the 31st of March, 1859, his parents being John E. and Lucy Ellen (Locke) Burnham, who were born, reared and married in the state of Maine. The father, a contractor and builder by trade, removed to Minnesota in 1855 or 1856, being under contract with the government. At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war he returned to Maine and attempted to enlist but failed to pass the examination. Going back to Minnesota, in 1865, he settled in Anoka, that state, and there both he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives.

E. H. Burnham received a high school education and for many years was engaged in business as a photographer. In 1906 he came to Holcombe, Wisconsin, and established the Holcombe Journal, which he has since conducted successfully, the paper boasting an enviable subscription and advertising patronage. He is likewise engaged in the undertaking and embalming business and in that enterprise has also won success.

Mr. Burnham is a democrat in his political views, acts as a notary public and is also chief of the fire department. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has won the high regard of the community during his residence in Holcombe and has a circle of friends which is constantly increasing.

A. L. BEIER, M.D.

Dr. A. L. Beier, an able and successful physician and surgeon of Chippewa Falls and since 1908 connected with the State Home for the Feeble-Minded, was born at Antigo, Wisconsin, January 1, 1884, and is a son of W. D. and Appalonia (Lochman) Beier, the former a retired farmer residing at Appleton. On the maternal side the subject of this review is a representative of a pioneer Wisconsin family, his grandfather, August Lochman, having settled in this state in early times. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having fought in that conflict as a member of the Union army.

Dr. Beier acquired his primary education in the parochial and public schools of Appleton and afterward entered the Wisconsin College of Physicians and

Surgeons at Milwaukee, from which he received the degree of M. D. in May, 1907. He afterward practiced his profession in Marinette, this state, for a short time and then on the 17th of March, 1908, moved to Chippewa Falls and became connected with the State Home for the Feeble-Minded as assistant superintendent. This position he has since occupied and, being an able and well trained physician and surgeon, has proved himself eminently well qualified for its difficult duties.

At Kaukauna, Wisconsin, on the 3d of January, 1910, Dr. Beier was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Willkom, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Willkom, the former a retired farmer living in Boyd, this state. Dr. and Mrs. Beier have one son, August L., Jr.

Dr. Beier is a member of the Roman Catholic church and belongs to the Chippewa County and Wisconsin State Medical Societies, the American Medical Association and the National Association for the Study of the Feeble Minded, thus keeping in touch with the trend of modern thought in his profession and the most improved methods along his line of specialization. He is serving at present as secretary of the county medical society and his ability is widely recognized in professional circles. Dr. Beier is still a young man but the fact that he holds a position of trust and responsibility in connection with a state institution is sufficient proof of his ability and his future advancement is assured.

C. L. CHRISTIANSON.

Well known in Bloomer as one of the enterprising business men and reliable officials is C. L. Christianson, who is filling the office of postmaster, in which connection he is making a creditable record through the prompt and faithful manner in which he discharges his duties. He was born in Norway, February 27, 1868, and is a son of Andrew Christianson, who came to the United States in 1870. Making his way into the interior of the country, he established the family home in Houston county, Minnesota, where he remained until March of the following year. He then brought the family to Chippewa county, within the borders of which he has since resided, devoting his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. He has now reached the age of seventy-eight years, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Otellia Larson, is seventy-two years of age. Mr. Christianson has ever been reckoned as an energetic, wide-awake and progressive farmer and the success which he achieved as the years went by now enables him to live retired, possessing a competence sufficient for all of his needs throughout his remaining days. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Christianson were born four children, of whom two are living, the surviving daughter being Mrs. Samuel Nelson, who occupies the old home farm two and a half miles south of Bloomer. Two of the children died in early life.

C. L. Christianson was a little lad of but three summers when brought by his parents to Chippewa county. He is largely indebted to its public school system for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed and he also spent two years in Gale College. After leaving school he became connected with the firm of Rasmus & Christianson in the grain and produce business and was thus en-

gaged until 1905, after which he traveled on the road for several years. Accepting the position of manager of the Bloomer Produce Company, he acted in that capacity until appointed by President Taft to the position of postmaster of Bloomer, since which time he has devoted his energies to the careful conduct of the affairs of the office.

In 1890 Mr. Christianson was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Reigum, whose father was a farmer of Chippewa county. Unto this marriage have been born five daughters: Louise, Abbie and Oveila, all of whom are graduates of the Bloomer high school; and Lillian and Alice, who are attending school.

In politics Mr. Christianson is a republican and has been active in the work of the party. He served on the board of trustees at Bloomer for several years and is interested in the welfare and progress of his community. He has business interests aside from the office, being secretary of the telephone company, and his religious activities are with the Norwegian Lutheran church, of which he is a faithful member. Many substantial qualities and sterling characteristics have won for him high regard and the warm friendship of the majority of those with whom he has come in contact.

MRS. LUCY PHILLIPS.

Mrs. Lucy Phillips owns a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres in Lafayette township and has operated this property since her husband's death in 1901, proving capable in its management and meeting with a gratifying degree of success. She was born in Ponts-martel, Switzerland, December 7, 1847, and is a daughter of Frederick and Adele Jacob, the former of whom came to America in 1861 and settled first in Pleasant Valley, Eau Claire county, where he was one of the pioneers. He died in 1868 and was survived by his wife, who lived until 1882. Both are buried in Pleasant Valley.

Mrs. Phillips acquired her education in the public schools of Eau Claire county and after laying aside her text-books remained at home until her marriage, which occurred October 10, 1869. Her husband was a native of France, born in Dieuze, Lorraine, on July 13, 1835, and came to America in 1854. He first made his home in New Orleans, working on the Mississippi river boats, but in 1855 left the south for St. Louis, Missouri, where he engaged in the lumber business until 1857. He then came to Chippewa county as one of its pioneers, taking up his residence here when the section was still a wilderness and Indians were numerous on the prairies. Upon his arrival here he purchased a farm, upon which Mrs. Phillips now lives, and which through his own efforts he cleared and put under cultivation. His property consisted of one hundred and sixty acres, which he gradually brought under the plow, his annual harvests bringing him a substantial fortune. In February, 1865, however, he interrupted his labors on the farm and enlisted in Company L, First Wisconsin Cavalry, for service in the Civil war. He was honorably discharged in July of the same year. Mr. Phillips was very popular in Lafayette township, where he lived for so many years, and was respected and esteemed by every one as a reliable, upright and farsighted man of considerable business ability. He was a member of the Cath-

olic church, and along fraternal lines, of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which connection he renewed war memories with his comrades of old. In politics he was a republican, upholding the measures and candidates of the party, although he never actively entered public life. His death, which occurred November 22, 1901, when he was sixty-five years of age, removed from Wisconsin one of its most representative and valued citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips became the parents of four children: Laura, the wife of Elmer Cressy, a farmer near Chippewa Falls; Edward, who has agricultural interests in this locality; Emma, who married Victor Michaud, also engaged in farming in Chippewa county; and Delia, who resides at home. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Phillips has continued in the operation of the farm and has shown decided business ability in its management. She and her family are devout members of the Holy Ghost Catholic church of Chippewa Falls. She is widely and favorably known here, her excellent qualities of mind and character having brought to her many friends.

WILLIAM F. NAGLE.

William F. Nagle, proprietor of a cafe and restaurant at Cadott, is one of the pioneer settlers of Chippewa county. He has witnessed the greater part of the growth and development of this section of the state. He was born, April 2, 1849, in Germany, in which country his ancestors had lived for several generations. His father, Fred Nagle, born in 1821, was a laborer throughout his entire life. He married Christina Maykower, who was born in Germany in 1826. They continued to reside in the fatherland until 1855, and then sailed with her family to America, settling first in New York. The mother died in 1899 and the father, after surviving her for ten years, passed away in 1909. In their family were eight children: William, Fredericka, Minnie, May, Charles, Louisa, Fred and Carrie.

William F. Nagle was a little lad of but six years when the family came to the United States. He attended public school in New York until he reached the age of fourteen and then went upon lake vessels in the capacity of cook, spending three summers in that way. He subsequently learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1870. That year witnessed his arrival in Wisconsin and after spending two years in La Crosse, he went upon a farm and for five years engaged in farming and threshing in the employ of others. He next bought eighty acres of land which he cultivated for four years and then sold. Coming to Chippewa county, he was employed as a cook in the lumber camp for twenty winters. In 1894 he took up his abode in Cadott. Here in 1897 he established a cafe and restaurant and has been very successful in its conduct.

Mr. Nagle married Miss Lasora Jackson, a daughter of Eliza and Almira (Saddlerger) Jackson of Eau Claire. The wedding was celebrated in the family home in Draymin township December 2, 1877, and unto them have been born seven children: Lottie, the wife of Martin Nelson, an undertaker of Eau Claire; Flora, the wife of Floyd Saddlemeyer, a farmer, by whom she has two chil-

dren; Nellie, the wife of Clinton Saddlemyer, and the mother of three children; Mary; Merna; William and George.

Mr. Nagle holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and with the Order of Owls and is popular with his brethren of those fraternities. For six years he has served on the school board and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend. For four years he has filled the office of supervisor and has made a good record in that connection. His political support is given to the republican party. His work has brought him into close connection with the development of the county along many lines and he is highly respected in Cadott where he now makes his home.

LORENZO M. NEWMAN.

Lorenzo M. Newman, holding a position of distinctive precedence in financial circles of Chippewa Falls as vice president of the First National Bank and in business circles as president of the Handmade Shoe Company, was born in Lanesboro, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1851, and is a son of Martin and Melissa A. (Norton) Newman. The father began his active life as an inventor and for a number of years operated a factory and machine shop, wherein he manufactured his own devices. However, the years 1872 and 1873 proved very disastrous to his business and he disposed of his concern, turning his attention to the conduct of a drug store. This he managed until 1879 and then came to Chippewa Falls, where he established a book and stationery store, of which he was the proprietor for many years. He died in 1902, at the age of seventy-nine, and was survived by his wife until 1908, her death occurring when she was eighty-two years of age. Both are buried in the Forest Hill cemetery, this state.

Lorenzo M. Newman acquired his education in the public schools of Unadilla, New York, and laid aside his books at the age of sixteen. He spent some time thereafter with his father in the machine shop and foundry and then turned his attention to another field, securing a position as clerk in a private bank in Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, beginning thus a career in the banking field which has brought him constantly increasing success and distinction. After a short period in his first position he went to Binghamton, New York, and there became identified with the City National Bank as bookkeeper, an office which he held until he came to Chippewa Falls in 1876. Here he entered the First National Bank as cashier and this position he held until the 1st of January, 1913, when he was made vice president. In this office he has demonstrated his excellent organizing and executive ability and his power as a financier and he has always been a helpful factor in the development of a concern which is now one of the strong and reliable banks of Chippewa county. Mr. Newman organized the Handmade Shoe Company in 1902 and was its vice president until January 1, 1913, at which time, upon resigning his position as cashier of the First National Bank, he assumed its management as president. He has other important business connections, being a director in the Bank of Bloomer, Wisconsin, and treasurer of the Chippewa Falls Canning Company. His ability has carried him forward into

important relations with the general business life of Chippewa Falls and he is numbered among the most progressive and representative men of this city.

Although Mr. Newman is an able financier and a farsighted business man, his interests have extended to many other fields, his activities being closely connected with the development and growth of the city. He was the organizer of the Progressive League, which has for its object the promotion of the city's interests along all lines and more particularly the securing of new manufacturing industries. Mr. Newman served as first president of this organization, the initial triumph of which was the securing of the beet sugar factory, which is today one of the most important industrial concerns in this part of the county. Since that time many other manufacturing and commercial enterprises have been brought to the city and the league is still one of the most potent forces in municipal development. Mr. Newman is still active in the work of the institution and, indeed, in the promotion of all measures and movements for the city's welfare. He is connected fraternally with the Masonic order and is a republican in his political beliefs, serving at the present time as a member of the board of education. He has met with great and well deserved individual success and stands today among the men of marked ability and substantial worth in the community.

GUST HAGEN.

Energy and perseverance have been the basis of the success which Gust Hagen has attained during the twenty-four years of his connection with agricultural interests of Chippewa county. In that time he has developed a fine farm from a tract of wild brush land, owning today two hundred and thirty acres on section 24, Lafayette township. He was born near Eker, Norway, April 29, 1855, and is a son of Andreas Larson and Karina Hagen, natives of that locality. The father engaged in farming for a number of years, dying in January, 1903, at the age of eighty-four. He had survived his wife since 1871, her death having occurred when she was thirty-one years of age. Both are buried in Conrad Werke, near Aker.

Gust Hagen acquired his education in the public schools of his native country, laying aside his books at the age of fourteen. He afterward worked as a farm laborer until 1881, when he emigrated to America, settling in Chippewa county. After his arrival he worked in the sawmills at Chippewa Falls for about eight years and then purchased two hundred and thirty acres on section 24, Lafayette township. He found this covered with a dense growth of timber and was obliged to fell the trees and grub up the stumps before beginning the work of development. He has now one hundred and sixty acres under cultivation including nine acres in tobacco, and his farm is one of the finest and best improved in this section of the state. Mr. Hagen engages in mixed farming and is also interested in stock-raising, keeping cattle, horses and other stock.

At Skenger, Norway, on the 10th of June, 1877, Mr. Hagen was united in marriage to Miss Inger Johnson, a daughter of Johan and Christina Erickson, the former of whom met death by drowning and is buried in the Forest Hill cemetery at Chippewa Falls. His wife survived him seventeen years, dying

in 1899, and she is buried in the Lafayette cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Hagen have six children: Oscar C. and John, who are assisting their father; George, a resident of Eau Claire; Edith, the wife of Martin Hagen, of Chippewa Falls; Norman, a resident of the same city; and Harold, who is attending district school.

Mr. Hagen is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and donated the ground upon which the church edifice stands. He is a republican in his political beliefs and is serving at present in an able and efficient way as road commissioner. His life has been such as to merit the respect of his fellowmen and by his honesty, uprightness and industry he has contributed much toward the up-building of the community of which he is a representative citizen.

W. E. KITCH.

W. E. Kitch, cashier of the Peoples State Bank of Bloomer, has ever been actuated by the spirit of ambition and enterprise in all that he has undertaken, and thus he has worked his way steadily upward until he now occupies a creditable place in financial circles and among the business men of his city. He was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, in 1862, a son of Joseph Kitch, also a native of the Keystone state. The father, who was a tradesman, died in Pennsylvania in early manhood, and his wife, who in her maidenhood was Elizabeth McClain, also passed away in Pennsylvania.

W. E. Kitch, who was one of a family of two children, was educated in the schools of Ohio and Wisconsin, and after completing his course, engaged in teaching in the country schools. He also took up the occupation of farming, which he followed for several years in Chippewa county, and in 1899 he became connected with the banking business, making his initial step as bookkeeper for Henry Marshall, proprietor of a private bank. When the company bought out the Marshall bank, Mr. Kitch was retained as bookkeeper and so remained until the organization of the Peoples State Bank, in January, 1912, when he became cashier of the new institution, of which F. H. Cutting is the president, and Charles Albrecht, vice president. In addition to these gentlemen, the list of directors contains the names of C. F. Althans, C. Hansen, Dr. H. M. Trankle, A. J. Martin and H. P. Werner, all of Bloomer. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and has a surplus of one thousand five hundred dollars. A new bank building is being erected, which will be a part of the finest office building in the town and will be thoroughly equipped for the conduct of a general banking business, with fire-proof appliances to safeguard the interests of depositors, as well as of the stockholders. Mr. Kitch is also connected with the telephone company and on its organization became its treasurer, in which capacity he served for three years. He is resourceful, energetic and alert and in carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, contributes to the business activity and prosperity of the community, as well as to his own success.

Mr. Kitch was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Shipman, who was born in the town of Bloomer, and is a daughter of Dewayne and Henrietta Shipman, the former deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kitch have three children, Ethel, Glen and Norma, all in school. The family hold membership in the First Unitarian

church of Duluth, and Mr. Kitch belongs also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with which he has been identified for twenty-three years. In politics he is an independent voter. He served for two terms as a member of the village council, was president of the board for one term and for two terms was treasurer of the village. He votes as his judgment dictates, regardless of party affiliation, and his public spirit is manifest in his active and hearty cooperation in many movements for the general good.

P. L. LEAHY.

P. L. Leahy, well known in educational circles of Chippewa Falls as president and owner of the Chippewa Valley Business College, was born in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, in 1873, and is a son of John and Margaret Leahy, the latter of whom died in 1898 and is buried in Kingston. Her husband survives her and makes his home in Marquette, Green Lake county.

P. L. Leahy acquired his early education in the public schools of Green Lake county and in Ripon Academy and Ripon College in Fond du Lac county. After discontinuing his studies at the age of twenty-four years he turned his attention to teaching and since that time has been continuously connected with educational interests. He spent seven years teaching in high schools in Green Lake, Ripon and La Crosse and at the end of that time came to Chippewa Falls, accepting the position as president of the Chippewa Valley Business College. Three years later he became the sole owner of the college. He has proved very capable in the discharge of his duties and the institution has had a rapid growth under his able management, its affairs being always administered in a farsighted and able way.

Mr. Leahy married, at Ripon, Wisconsin, in 1898, Miss Florence E. Hockenhull, daughter of John and Magdalene (Just) Hockenhull, both of whom have passed away and are buried in Ripon. Mr. and Mrs. Leahy have two children, Lester and Harold. Mr. Leahy is a member of the Presbyterian church and is pastor of the church at Cornell. Both he and his wife are members of the Beavers Lodge. He is a man of exemplary character and his integrity, industry and ability have gained him the esteem and confidence of all who are in any way associated with him.

EDWARD NELSON.

Edward Nelson is the owner of a good farm on sections 12, 13 and 14, Cleveland township. He is a self-made man and he has been both the architect and builder of his own fortunes. A native of Norway, his birth occurred about five miles north of Christiania, on the 23d of November, 1856, his parents being Nels and Elizabeth (Paulson) Erickson. The father died in Norway and later the mother became the wife of Ole Thompson. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States and traveled overland to the Mississippi valley, making a settlement at Black River Falls, Wisconsin. After some time they came to Chip-

pewa county, where Mr. Thompson passed away, his remains being interred at Black River Falls. The mother died and was buried in Bloomer.

Edward Nelson pursued a common-school education and early learned the lesson that industry and perseverance are the most substantial factors in success. Reared in this state, he worked in the woods at lumbering and logging on the Black river, on the Flambeau and on the Chippewa river. For ten years he was employed by a Mr. Babb, for whom he worked as manager of his present farm. He carefully directed its cultivation and improvement and eventually purchased the property, which is situated on sections 12, 13 and 14, Cleveland township. To the place he has added many modern accessories and equipments, having now the largest barn in the township. He owns one hundred and twenty acres on sections 13 and 14 and a tract of similar size on section 12, and is bringing his fields to a high state of cultivation, his modern, progressive methods resulting in the raising of excellent crops.

On April 9, 1889, Mr. Nelson was married in Chippewa county to Miss Carrie Wierson, who was born in Vernon county, Wisconsin, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wierson. Her father is deceased but his widow resides in Dunn county, South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have become the parents of eight children, Lillian, William, Elmer, Albert, Irene, Walter, Edwin and Grace, all of whom are yet under the parental roof. The religious faith of the family is that of the Lutheran church and Mr. Nelson's political belief is that of the republican party. He has served as township treasurer but otherwise has not been active in seeking or holding political office. He prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and is a successful farmer who has recognized and improved his opportunities, working his way steadily upward by honorable methods.

JOHN J. DIETZLER.

John J. Dietzler, of the firm of Dietzler & Sons, proprietors of a heading and planing mill in Cadott, was born in De Pere, Wisconsin, April 15, 1879. He is a son of Peter and Cornelia (Artz) Dietzler, the former born in Calumet county, this state, in 1846, and the latter in Brown county in 1851. Peter Dietzler is a well known business man of Cadott and head of the firm of Dietzler & Sons, millwrights and mill owners. He and his wife became the parents of five children, Stephen, John J., Charles, Mathilda and Benjamin.

John J. Dietzler attended public school in Cadott until he was eighteen years of age and then engaged in teaching for two years. At the end of that time he became connected with the firm of Dietzler & Sons and has since been active in the operation of the heading and planing mill business which this company controls. He has proved himself a capable, reliable and farsighted business man and his work has been a helpful factor in promoting the advancement of the enterprise with which he is connected.

At Boyd, Wisconsin, November 20, 1906, Mr. Dietzler was united in marriage to Miss Ida Toutant, a daughter of Derrick Leo and Caddie (Grampher) Toutant. Derrick L. Toutant was the proprietor of Pike Lake, a well known

summer resort in this locality. He homesteaded a farm there over thirty-five years ago and, recognizing a rare business opportunity, transformed his land and the lake upon it into a retreat for summer visitors. He was very successful in the conduct of this enterprise which he sold in 1910. Moving to Cadott, he there lived retired until his death in 1912, when he was seventy-three years of age. His wife survives him and makes her home at Cadott, being now sixty-six years of age. In their family were ten children: Mary; Peter; Emil; Rosie, who has passed away; Alice; Anna; Adolph, also deceased; Ida; Laura; and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Dietzler have become the parents of a daughter, Oretta.

Mr. Dietzler is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Equitable Fraternal Union. He is a member of St. Rosa of Lima Roman Catholic church of Cadott. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and served as police justice for four years and as justice of the peace for two years and for two terms as village clerk, proving himself a capable and farsighted public official. He is a stockholder in the Citizens State Bank of Cadott and owns a comfortable and attractive residence in the city. He is a man of energy, resource and ability and his continued advancement is therefore assured.

CARL AMUNDSON.

Carl Amundson has resided in Chippewa county since 1866 and during that time has made important contributions to its agricultural progress, developing from the wilderness two productive and valuable farms. He is today the owner of eighty acres on section 23, Lafayette township, and is recognized as an able agriculturist and a representative citizen. He was born in Eker, Norway, January 13, 1847, and is a son of Amun and Carolina Amundson, natives of that country, who came to America in 1866. They took up a homestead claim in Bloomer township, this county, when the land was an unbroken prairie and here the father carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1887. His wife survived him until 1891 and is buried in Polk county.

Carl Amundson acquired his education in the public schools of Norway, laying aside his books at the age of fourteen. He afterward assisted his father with the work of the farm until 1866, when he accompanied his parents to America, settling in Chippewa county. For some time thereafter he worked in the lumber woods during the winter, spending his summers at log driving. He afterward moved to Duncan's Creek and from there to Rumseys Mill, where he spent one summer. In 1873 he took up a homestead claim and brought it to a high state of cultivation, remaining upon it for thirteen years. He then purchased his present property which he cleared of timber and brush before beginning the work of cultivation. By hard work and untiring industry, he gradually transformed this property into a profitable farm and he has now the entire tract under cultivation, twelve acres being planted in tobacco. The place has been provided with a comfortable residence, a well, and substantial outbuildings which Mr. Amundson erected, and it is today a model property.

In Bloomer, on August 27, 1872, Mr. Amundson was united in marriage to Miss Andrena Amundson, a daughter of Amun Erickson, the former an early settler in Minnesota. He and his wife have passed away and are buried near Ford Stone, Polk county, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Amundson became the parents of seventeen children, of whom the following survive: Emily, the wife of Charles Wilson, a shingle manufacturer of Drummond; Albert, who is assisting his father; Clara who married A. Anderson; Hans, at home; Anna, the wife of Oliver Anderson; Borger, at home; Martha, also at home; Bennetta, the wife of Harry Mills, a farmer of Wheaton township; Alvin, assisting his father; and Selma, at home.

Mr. Amundson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a member of the Lutheran church. He has lived in Chippewa county for forty-seven years and is one of its well known citizens whose business enterprise, integrity and public spirit have gained for him the high esteem of those who know him.

FRANK O. BIBLE.

Frank O. Bible, who since 1909 has been serving in a capable and efficient manner as superintendent of the Chippewa County Insane Asylum and Poor Farm, was born in Sauk county, this state, March 13, 1869, and is a son of George W. and Esther M. (Carr) Bible. The father settled in Sauk county in pioneer times and engaged in farming there for a number of years. He served in the Union army during the Civil war, taking part in many of the most important engagements of that conflict. He is now living retired in Reedsburg, Wisconsin, having survived his wife since 1895. She is buried at Limeridge cemetery, in Sauk county.

Frank O. Bible acquired his early education in the public schools of his native county and afterward entered the University of Wisconsin, graduating from the agricultural department. After laying aside his books he became an employe of the Richland County Nursery and when he severed his connection with that institution entered the hardware business, in which he continued for five years. Upon the expiration of that time he became connected with the Dunn County Insane Asylum and when he resigned this position came to Chippewa Falls, where he secured a position as gardener and florist at the Wisconsin State Home for the Feeble Minded. He did able work in this capacity for ten years and during the last three years of that period held also the office of supervisor of animal husbandry and was in charge of the agricultural department. In 1909 he resigned all of these offices and became superintendent of the Chippewa County Insane Asylum and Poor Farm. He has since discharged his responsible duties in a capable and earnest way, his work winning the approval of the people of the county as well as those immediately connected with the institution. Mr. Bible has from time to time made judicious investments in land in Chippewa Falls and the vicinity and is today an extensive realty owner, his interests being carefully managed.



FRANK O. BIBLE

In Ironton, Sauk county, on the 29th of November, 1897, Mr. Bible was united in marriage to Miss Rose Henriett, a daughter of C. F. and Mary E. (Bonhotel) Henriett, early settlers in Wisconsin. The father makes his home in Chippewa Falls, having survived his wife since 1908. She is buried in the Forest Hill cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Bible have become the parents of a son, Robert La Follette.

Mr. Bible is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is a progressive republican in his political beliefs. He is widely and favorably known in Chippewa Falls and has made an excellent record in his present office, having gained a well deserved reputation for integrity, loyalty and public spirit.

CARL ANDERSON.

Carl Anderson, a representative and successful agriculturist of Chippewa county who has resided here for a period covering forty-six years, is the owner of a farm comprising one hundred and twenty acres on section 13, Cleveland township. His birth occurred in Norway, three miles east of Christiania, on the 26th of January, 1849, his parents being Andrew and Helena Hanson. In 1862 the father crossed the Atlantic to the United States, the vessel encountering a storm and being eighteen weeks on the voyage. Making his way direct to Chippewa county, Wisconsin, he entered land near Bloomer and on that farm spent the remainder of his life, his demise occurring on the 13th of January, 1882. Five years after he had come to this country his wife and children joined him here. His widow, who still survives and resides on the home farm, is now eighty-nine years of age.

Carl Anderson, who was a youth of seventeen when he accompanied his mother on her emigration to the new world, well remembers the slow and tedious voyage across the ocean, which consumed seven weeks and four days. He remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age and worked at lumbering and also in the mills for several years. Subsequently he purchased an unimproved tract of eighty acres near Bloomer and resided thereon for four years, when he bought another unimproved tract of land three miles east. Fourteen years ago he disposed of that property and purchased the farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Cleveland township which has been his home to the present time. The place was improved when it came into his possession, and in its operation he has won a gratifying measure of prosperity.

In 1874, in Chippewa county, Mr. Anderson was joined in wedlock to Miss Martha Nelson, who was born in Norway on the 19th of September, 1850. Her parents emigrated to the United States and settled in Jackson county, Wisconsin. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were born the following children: Albert and Hannah, both of whom are now deceased; Nels, a resident of Chippewa Falls; Emil, at home, who has served in the capacity of township supervisor for two years; Martin, who is employed by a manufacturing concern in Cornell, Wisconsin; and Hilda, at home.

In politics Mr. Anderson is a stanch republican, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. His religious faith is

indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, to which his wife and children also belong. He is the possessor of many good qualities that have attracted friends and by his straightforward course through life he has gained and retained the confidence and respect of those with whom he is associated.

CHARLES ALBRECHT.

Throughout almost his entire life Charles Albrecht of Bloomer has been a resident of Wisconsin. He is now widely known as the vice president of the State Bank of Bloomer and also as a dealer in real-estate. He studies all the requisites of success and by honorable methods and unfaltering purpose is working his way steadily upward. He was born in Germany in 1849 and was brought to the United States when about seven years of age. His father, John Albrecht, made the voyage to the new world about 1856 and, at once penetrating into the interior of the country, settled first at Milwaukee, where he remained for four years. At the expiration of that period he came to Chippewa county, where he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He was a farmer by occupation, making his home about a mile and a half north of Bloomer, where he carefully tilled his fields and developed his place, making it one of the attractive farm properties of the district. He died thereon when eighty-two years of age. His first wife, the mother of Charles Albrecht, had died when they were crossing the Atlantic to the new world, and John Albrecht had afterward married again, his second wife departing this life about seven years prior to his demise.

Charles Albrecht was educated in the common schools and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the work of the fields, being thus employed until he left home and started in business for himself on a farm north of Bloomer. His previous practical experience well qualified him to enter upon farm work on his own account. From time to time he was called to public office and has made an excellent record in that connection. He filled the position of supervisor for six years, was assessor for four years in the town of Bloomer and when but eighteen years of age was made school clerk in his district, thus serving until five years ago. He held the office longer than any other incumbent in a similar position in the state. He also carried on his farm at the same time until about five years ago, when he put aside agricultural pursuits and removed to Bloomer, opening a real-estate office, since which time he has handled town and farm property. He owns two farms north of the city, comprising one hundred and eighty acres of land from which he derives a substantial income. The careful management of his property interests and the wise direction of his farm work have brought him a measure of prosperity that is substantial and gratifying. Moreover, he is the vice president of the State Bank of Bloomer and holds stock in various other business enterprises. On coming to the town he embarked in the real-estate business and he now deals largely in farm lands, having farm property in Canada and nine hundred acres in Mississippi.

Mr. Albrecht was married to Miss Elizabeth Gehreng, who was born in Switzerland, and they have become the parents of five children: Lena, who married Charles Prichard and has five children; William, who married Olga Krenz

and has two children; Clara, who is the wife of J. F. Krenz and also has two children; Edward and Elzie, both at home. The family are members of the German Lutheran church and throughout his life Mr. Albrecht has been actuated by honorable principles. He has worked diligently and persistently to attain success and his intelligently directed labors have brought their merited reward.

GEORGE B. GANNON.

A farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 17, Lafayette township, is the property of George B. Gannon, who for almost one-third of a century has been a resident of this county and has witnessed much of its development along agricultural and other lines. He was born at Schaul, County Cork, Ireland, September 15, 1858, and is a son of Valentine and Eliza (Brown) Gannon. His father was a police officer in the Royal Irish Constabulary. Both he and his wife are deceased, the former being laid to rest in a cemetery at Schaul and the latter at Donnynook, Norfolkshire, England.

The schools of his native country afforded George B. Gannon his educational opportunities. He continued his studies to the age of fourteen years and then enlisted in the royal navy. He was one of the body guards of the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, on his trip to India. His brother Francis was also in the service of the government, holding a commission as officer in the Royal Irish Constabulary. He now lives retired on a pension. Another brother, Valentine, was for seventeen years in the direct service of the late Queen Victoria on her yacht Victoria and Albert. He was a non-commissioned officer and is now retired with a pension. After becoming invalided George B. Gannon crossed the Atlantic to America and cast his lot with the citizens of Chippewa county in 1881. He was for two years thereafter employed by the Eau Claire Lumber Company. Subsequently he engaged in the lumber business on his own account for a number of years, but eventually settled on a farm of eighty acres which was only partly improved. There was a heavy growth of pine trees, but he cleared the land and brought it to a high state of cultivation, making it one of the productive and valuable farms of Lafayette township. As his financial resources increased he extended its boundaries by adding purchases until it now comprises one hundred and twenty acres. He carries on mixed farming but makes a specialty of dairying, keeping a number of cows for that purpose. The most thorough machinery conditions characterize his dairy and by reason of the excellence of its product he derives a good income from his dairy business. He is a stockholder in the Lafayette Creamery Company, of which he has been vice president for eight years, and is also interested in the Melville Settlement Telephone Company. He has remodeled his farm residence, has built a barn and granary and made other substantial improvements upon his land, so that his farm is today equipped with all modern conveniences and accessories.

In Chippewa Falls on the 29th of April, 1894, Mr. Gannon was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Connell, a daughter of James and Mary Connell, the former one of the pioneer farmers of Chippewa county. He died July 24,

1912, and lies buried in the Lafayette cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Gannon are the parents of three children; Anna, a high-school pupil; and Valentine E. and George A., who are also attending school. Mr. Gannon gives considerable credit to his wife for the success which he enjoys, appreciating her capable management of the household affairs and her wise counsel in business matters.

In politics Mr. Gannon is a republican and is now serving as treasurer of the town of Lafayette. He belongs to the Modern Benevolent Association and to the Presbyterian church—connections which indicate much of the rules which govern his conduct. His life is honorable in its purposes and his integrity and reliability in business affairs are questioned by none.

SAMUEL SHAFER.

Samuel Shafer, a representative of the bee industry in Lafayette township, has a large apiary on his place on section 7, not far from Chippewa Falls. He is one of the county's pioneer settlers, having made his home within its borders for fifty-eight years. His birth occurred in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1837, his parents being Leonard and Annie (Black) Shafer. The former was a farmer of Pennsylvania and a veteran of the Mexican war. Both he and his wife are now deceased.

Samuel Shafer is largely a self-educated man. He had little opportunity to attend school and at the age of eighteen years started out on his own account. He was employed at grubbing stumps, cutting wood and other similar labor, but he was ambitious and energetic and, hoping to find better opportunity in the middle west, made his way to Illinois, where he began husking corn. In August, 1855, he removed to Chippewa county and began work on a rotary in a sawmill, following that business until 1864, when he put aside all personal considerations in order to respond to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company F, Fourth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which regiment he continued until after the close of the war.

When hostilities were over and the country no longer needed his aid Mr. Shafer returned to the north and entered the employ of Pound & Halbert, proprietors of a sawmill. He afterward began farming and subsequently entered the employ of the Cadott gristmill, which later was destroyed by fire. He then resumed agricultural pursuits and also began raising bees for the production of honey. This is now his principal source of income and in this connection he is well known. He has thoroughly studied the question of bee culture and has high-grade bees, which he cares for according to the most modern and progressive methods.

Mr. Shafer was married in Edson, Wisconsin, in 1873, to Miss Catherine Huff, a daughter of Henry H. Huff, formerly a blacksmith of Edson, but both he and his wife are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Shafer have a son, William, who follows farming in Lafayette township.

In politics Mr. Shafer is a republican, stalwart and earnest in support of the party, with which he was voted since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He belongs to the Grand Army post and wears with pride the little

bronze button which bears mute testimony of his service as a soldier of the Civil war. He is well known in the county where much of his life has been passed and where his many good qualities have won him high regard.

S. B. SIDDONS.

At the venerable age of eighty-two years S. B. Siddons is making his home upon a farm of two hundred and sixty acres in Anson township which he owns. He was born in Toronto, Canada, June 6, 1831, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret (Hutchinson) Siddons, of early English ancestry, representatives of the name arriving in the United States in 1725. The first American ancestor was Benjamin Siddons, who settled in York county, Pennsylvania, and the town of Siddonsburg was named after him, for he was the first settler there. He was the father of only one child, John, who moved to Canada. The latter also was the father of one child, Samuel, born in Pennsylvania, who, however, lived in Canada and became the father of seven daughters and two sons, among them Samuel, the father of our subject. Mr. Siddons' father, grandfather and great-grandfather were born in Pennsylvania, the last named during the Revolutionary war. The government passed a law at that time that all those citizens not taking up arms for England were to be considered citizens of the United States, and this law proved of importance to Mr. Siddons of this review in 1879, when he had voted at an election in Iowa. The election was contested, as he was born in Canada, and his vote was challenged. The case was taken before congress and congress held that Mr. Siddons' vote was legal by reason of the fact above stated. Samuel Siddons, the father, was a farmer by occupation and removed from Pennsylvania to Ontario but returned to the United States in 1869 and spent his remaining days on this side of the border, passing away in 1885. His wife preceded him to the Home Beyond, her death having occurred in March, 1873, and both were laid to rest in the cemetery at Troy, Iowa.

S. B. Siddons attended school in Canada until he reached the age of twenty years. In the meantime he assisted his father in farming and the occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work. About the time he attained his majority he began purchasing and improving land, which he cultivated and then sold. He continued this operation, owning as many as eight farms before his removal to Troy, Iowa. In that district he again became identified with agricultural pursuits, carrying on general farming but also specialized in raising pure-bred horses. He was for twenty-nine years a resident of the state before coming to Chippewa Falls in 1899. In that year he purchased his present farm of two hundred and sixty acres on sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, Anson township. He also bought a one hundred acre tract which he gave to his son, F. V. Siddons. The entire property at the time of his purchase was in poor condition but it is today in a high state of cultivation. He and his son broke about one hundred acres of land and Mr. Siddons still actively carries on farm work, personally supervising the tilling of the soil and the care of the crops. He also keeps much live stock. He has a well developed farm property, lacking in none of the modern accessories. The fine residence which is his home was erected

by him and he has made various other excellent improvements upon the farm, so that the place presents a fine appearance and constitutes one of the attractive features of the landscape.

Mr. Siddons has been married three times. In Toronto, Canada, in 1853, he wedded Miss Angeline Lloyd, who died in 1855. The following year, in the state of New York, he wedded Miss Hannah Playtor, who passed away in 1875, when they were living in Page county, Iowa. They were the parents of five children. Priscilla M. is the wife of F. M. Gore, a farmer of Vernon county, Wisconsin, and they have three sons and five daughters: Edwin, Samuel, Olive, Eva, Ida, Lura, Frank and Bertha. Martha F. became the wife of W. B. Campbell, a farmer of Troy, Iowa, and died and was buried in Fairfield, leaving her husband with four children: Ada, the wife of Charles Reckoff; Weldon, who is living in Marion, Iowa; Minnie, the wife of G. W. Dunshee, of New Sharon, Iowa; and Matthew, who is attending Parsons College at Fairfield, Iowa. Elizabeth makes her home with her father. Freeman V. is a prominent farmer of Chippewa county and has six children: Cleo, Harold, Vance, Lloyd, Samuel and Mabel. Laura is the wife of Edwin Shulke, of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and they have three children: Verda, Weldon and Edna. Having lost his second wife, Mr. Siddons was married in Troy, in 1876, to Miss Martha Akers, and they had four children: Truman, who married Miss Mamie Hakes, by whom he has two children, Otto and Ruth, and who is assisting his father in the farm work; and three who died in infancy.

Mr. Siddons is truly American in thought and interests and gives loyal support to the republican party, believing its platform to contain the best elements of good government. While living in Iowa he held several local offices. For many years he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he belongs to the Methodist church, to the teachings of which he has long been loyal and devoted. His has been an active and useful life and in the various districts in which he has lived he has ever commanded and enjoyed the respect and good-will of those with whom he has been associated.

R. J. EMERSON.

It is significant of the progressive spirit prevailing in Chippewa county that the most influential position therein was won by one of the younger generation, as it has been recognized here as elsewhere that it is the young and enthusiastic man who brings about reforms and deviates from the old way more readily in order to embrace improvements or methods which lead by a shorter road to a more satisfactory ending. Among these is R. J. Emerson, clerk of the circuit court, who since giving up his grocery business has ably discharged his official duties. A native of Chippewa county, he was born at Eagle Point, Wisconsin, February 18, 1880, and is a son of Edward and Johanna (Larson) Emerson, residents of Chippewa Falls. The father also held important public positions such as register of deeds and deputy sheriff and is prominent in the community life of the city.

R. J. Emerson received his education in Chippewa Falls, leaving school at the age of seventeen, at which time he engaged in work in a sawmill, remaining there for about six years. He then accepted a position in a grocery store, where he continued for two years, being enabled at the end of that time to buy out his employer. For six years he continued the business and was then elected clerk of the circuit court. He has since given his entire attention to his duties and in the discharge of them has earned the high commendation of the general public and particularly of those who have business transactions with the court.

In November, 1904, at Chippewa Falls, Mr. Emerson was married to Miss Helen Field and they have become the parents of three children, Carvel, Milton and Evelyn, all of whom are attending school. The family reside at No. 618 East Allen street in a commodious and well appointed home.

In his political views Mr. Emerson is a republican, deeply convinced of the righteousness of the principles of that party and ever upholding its candidates and measures on election day. He has various fraternal relations, being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of the Maccabees. The religious faith of Mr. Emerson is that of the Lutheran denomination and he is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church here. Mr. Emerson stands high in public esteem and is popular with many of the citizens of Chippewa Falls, having a large personal acquaintance. As clerk of the circuit court he has made an enviable record and his services find ready appreciation.

GEORGE W. BOIE.

George W. Boie, who for the past six years has held the position of cashier in the Citizens State Bank of Cadott, of which institution he is also a stockholder and director, is widely recognized as one of the substantial young business men and highly respected citizens of his community. His birth occurred in Thorp, Clark county, Wisconsin, on the 22d of February, 1884, his parents being John and Helen (Greve) Boie, the former born in Calumet county, this state, in 1860, and the latter in Germany in 1859. John Boie, an agriculturist by occupation, now makes his home at Thorp, but his wife is deceased, her demise having occurred in 1894. Unto them were born four children, namely: Lillian, Oscar, Harry and George W.

The last named supplemented his early education by a course of study in the Allen Business College at Stevens Point, which he left at the age of eighteen years to enter the Citizens State Bank at Stanley, in the service of which institution he remained for ten months. On the 9th of October, 1905, he came to Cadott to accept the position of bookkeeper in the Citizens State Bank there and two years later was made cashier, in which capacity he has done able service to the present time. He is not only a popular official of the institution but also one of its stockholders and directors and has gained an enviable reputation as a successful and representative citizen of the community.

On the 24th of June, 1908, at Cadott, Mr. Boie was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Greene, her parents being Albert and Tina Greene, of Cadott, the

former for many years a railroad carpenter in the service of the Omaha road. Our subject and his wife have one child, Helen E. The family home is an attractive and substantial residence which Mr. Boie owns.

His political sympathies are indicated by the fact that he is now serving as secretary of the Cadott Progressive League. His religious faith in that of the Lutheran church, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Beavers and the Equitable Fraternal Union. In hunting he finds both recreation and pleasure. His strong and salient characteristics are such as endear him to all who come within the close circle of his friendship and wherever he is known he is respected and esteemed.

PETER BEAULIEU.

Peter Beaulieu, who owns and operates a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 12, Cleveland township, has resided thereon continuously for the past thirty-five years and is one of the earliest settlers of the township. He was born in Canada, December 16, 1844, and his father and paternal grandfather, both named Peter, were likewise natives of that country. When twenty years of age he crossed the border into the United States, locating first in New Hampshire and subsequently in Maine, while in 1876 he made his way to Chicago, Illinois. He was afterward employed in a pinery of Wisconsin and in 1878 homesteaded a tract of eighty acres of government land in Cleveland township, Chippewa county, while later he secured forty acres more from the government. The place was densely covered with timber and as the nearest neighbor was miles away and no help could be procured, Mr. Beaulieu alone undertook the arduous task of clearing his land, chopping down the trees and cutting the logs. On that farm he has remained continuously since, and as time passed on he brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and improvement. In the early days he cradled his grain and planted potatoes with a grub hoe. He well remembers the time when the deer would come up and feed with his cattle. In those early days he was a great hunter and for years supplied the table with game. He still has his trusty Winchester, which has been his property since 1876, and still is recognized as one of the best shots in his locality. His labors have been an effective element in the agricultural development of this county and he has long been numbered among the substantial and representative citizens here.

On April 6, 1879, in Chippewa county, Mr. Beaulieu was married to Miss Rose Wardell, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Fred and Sarah E. (McKinster) Wardell, the former of German descent and the latter of English-Yankee parentage. Mr. and Mrs. Wardell were married in Pennsylvania and the former was killed in the Civil war, sacrificing his life for the sake of his country when Mrs. Beaulieu was but a child. When she was thirteen years of age, the mother and family came to the west. Mrs. Beaulieu, as soon as old enough, accepted employment in the family of Magnus Firth and later was in the household of the Rutledge family, these two being among the earliest and foremost families of the county. To Mr. and Mrs. Beaulieu have been born five children, as follows: John, at home; Ada, the wife of Dennis Irvin; Junia,

who gave her hand in marriage to Alphonse La Rose; and Vane and Ernest, both at home. Mrs. Beaulieu is a Methodist in religious faith. She is one of the typical pioneer ladies of the county, for she has undergone all the hardships incident to life in the early days in this district. Although seventy-five years of age, she is still young in mind and pleasantly and interestingly recounts incidents of the long ago. Both Mr. and Mrs. Beaulieu enjoy an extensive acquaintance in the community where they have so long resided and are highly esteemed and respected by old and young, high and low.

JOSEPH JOAS.

Joseph Joas is well known in financial and commercial circles of Chippewa Falls in connection with the Joas Investment Company, which he established in 1908 and which is doing an extensive real-estate, loan and insurance business. He is a native of this county, born in Tilden, June 4, 1869, and is a son of Joseph and Maria Joas. The father died in 1883 and is buried in Forest Hill cemetery. He was a prominent farmer of Tilden, where he enjoyed the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends. The mother now resides in Chippewa Falls.

Joseph Joas received his education in the public schools of Chippewa county, which he intermittently attended until eighteen years of age. He early began to assist the mother on the home place, helping in the support of his brothers and sisters, of which there were seven in the family. For three years he remained so employed but at the end of that period started for himself by accepting a clerkship in a general mercantile store in Dodge county, this state. He held his first position for about two years and then traveled for three years with different specialties throughout Wisconsin. At the end of that time he entered the retail shoe business at Chippewa Falls and for twelve years conducted an establishment of this kind here. In 1908 he established the Joas Investment Company and has ever since done a continually growing real-estate, loan and insurance business. He is well informed as to local values of real-estate and many important transactions have passed through his hands. His insurance department is also largely patronized and he often is able to negotiate or place loans for clients at an advantageous figure of interest.

At Chippewa Falls, in 1898, Mr. Joas was united in marriage to Miss Carrie L. Zeiting, a daughter of Anthony F. and Mary Zeiting, both of whom have passed away, their burial taking place in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Joas have three children, who are yet at home. They are Francis, Vivian and Julian. Mr. Joas has erected a handsome residence at No. 422 West Columbia street and there the family reside, extending a warm-hearted hospitality to their many friends.

In his political affiliations Mr. Joas is a democrat but has never aspired to office, although worthy public movements find in him a stalwart supporter. He is fraternally a member of the Knights of Columbus and religiously connected with the Catholic church, of which he and his family are devout communicants. An enterprising and aggressive man, Mr. Joas finds in the real-

estate and financial business a large field for his natural abilities and has attained to a position which assures him of the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

E. L. HENDERSON, D. D. S.

Dr. E. L. Henderson is engaged in the practice of dentistry in Bloomer and is well qualified to discharge the delicate and onerous duties devolving upon him in this connection. He was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, in 1885, and is a son of James P. Henderson, a native of Scotland. The father came to the United States in childhood and was a resident of New York for a time. After a few years, however, he removed westward to Wisconsin and in this state devoted his life to farming, which he carried on with substantial success until death called him, at the age of sixty-seven years. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Ellen Brown, is still living in Dane county. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom survive.

E. L. Henderson was reared and educated in Dane county, spending his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads. He worked in the fields during the summer months and in the winter seasons mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools. His intellectual activity pointed to a professional career and deciding upon the practice of dentistry he entered the College of Dental Surgery at Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908. He then practiced for two years in Dane county and in 1909 removed to Bloomer, where he opened an office. He has a well appointed operating room, possessing the latest improvements in dental instruments and equipments. He possesses, too, that skill and ingenuity so necessary to the dentist and his labors have been attended with excellent results.

In 1909 Dr. Henderson was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Paulson, of Dane county. Politically he is a republican and though he does not seek nor desire office as a reward for party fealty, he is always loyal to his honest convictions. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the family attends the Congregational church. Principles of honorable manhood have ever characterized his life and made him one of the worthy and respected residents of his adopted county.

ONIAS G. WRIGHT.

Onias G. Wright, the owner of a tract of land comprising one hundred and thirty acres on sections 6 and 1, Lafayette township, there devoted his attention to the pursuits of farming and dairying for many years and is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned ease. The period of his residence in Chippewa county covers thirty-six years and he is well known as one of its honored pioneers. His birth occurred in Springfield, Massachusetts, on the 2d of December, 1838, his parents being Aaron G. and Ruth (Tilly) Wright, both of

whom are deceased and lie buried at Springfield, Massachusetts. The father was a machinist by trade. The Wright family is of English origin.

Onias G. Wright attended school in his native city until eighteen years of age and then became connected with railroading. In 1863, when a young man of twenty-five years, he enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company I, Second Massachusetts Artillery, and for his service during that sanguinary conflict now draws a pension. After the cessation of hostilities between the north and the south he again took up railroading and subsequently spent three years as a sailor on the Great Lakes. In 1877 he purchased a homestead in Chippewa county, Wisconsin, the property being entirely undeveloped and unimproved. He undertook the arduous task of clearing the land and preparing it for the plow and eventually had eighty-three acres thereof under cultivation. Mr. Wright followed mixed farming and also devoted considerable attention to dairying, meeting with a well merited and gratifying measure of success in both branches of his business. Now, in the evening of life, he is enabled to spend his days in honorable retirement, enjoying a competence which has come to him by well directed effort and able management.

At Castle Rock, Wisconsin, on the 4th of December, 1876, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Ruth A. Stevens, a daughter of S. G. and Christine (Cushman) Stevens, both of whom have passed away and lie buried in the Bate-man cemetery. The father was a pioneer agriculturist of Minnesota. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wright were born two children, namely: Stella, who is the wife of William Shafer, a farmer of this county; and Nellie, the deceased wife of Ephraim Gardner. The latter died when thirty-three years of age and is buried at Duluth, Minnesota.

Mr. Wright is a republican in his political views and a stanch champion of the cause of education, ably serving its interests while acting as clerk and treasurer of the school board. He belongs to Comfort Post, G. A. R., and thus still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He has witnessed remarkable changes in Chippewa county during the long period of his residence here and his influence has always been given on the side of progress, truth, justice and right.

JULIUS B. FISK.

Julius B. Fisk, who since April, 1912, has owned and conducted the Holcombe Hotel at Holcombe, Wisconsin, was born in Juneau county, this state, in 1857, and is a son of Reuben and Mary (Pierce) Fisk, both of whom have passed away, the father dying in 1907 and the mother in 1905. They are buried in Wonewoc, Wisconsin.

Julius B. Fisk acquired his education in the public schools of his native county and at the age of fourteen laid aside his books. He afterward engaged in the mercantile business until 1896 and then moved to Chippewa county, where he turned his attention to farming. His land was situated some distance from a postoffice and the transportation facilities were limited, so that during the sixteen years he resided upon his farm he often had to walk fourteen miles to get

his mail. With characteristic energy he carried forward the work of improvement, erecting a fine residence, a substantial barn and the necessary outbuildings and finally becoming the owner of a valuable and productive farm. He disposed of that property in 1912 and moved into Holcombe, where he purchased the Holcombe Hotel, which he has since conducted. He has proven a farsighted, able and progressive business man and in his new venture has met with a gratifying and well deserved success.

In Juneau county, Wisconsin, June 10, 1878, Mr. Fisk was united in marriage to Miss Albina Holland, a daughter of James and Rose (Osmer) Holland, both of whom died when Mrs. Fisk was still an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Fisk have become the parents of three children: Harry L., the proprietor of a shoe store in Montana; Alfonzo, a railroad engineer, with headquarters at Holcombe; and May, who lives at home.

Mr. Fisk is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Foresters and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a democrat in his political beliefs. Although a late arrival in Holcombe, he has already become established as an important business factor here and holds the esteem and confidence of all who are brought in contact with him.

AUGUST PLAGGE.

August Plagge, an energetic, industrious and enterprising agriculturist of Cleveland township, is the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 12. His birth occurred in Hanover, Germany, on the 2d of April, 1869, and in that country his parents passed away. When a young man of nineteen, August Plagge crossed the Atlantic to the United States and, making his way to Wisconsin, here secured employment in the woods and on the river. Subsequently he purchased a tract of forty acres which was covered with timber and after clearing the property erected thereon a log house, while six months later he built a frame dwelling. He has since extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on section 12, Cleveland township. There is a valuable spring on the property which furnishes water to the house and also for the stock. The well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them and his success entitles him to recognition among the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

In Chippewa county Mr. Plagge was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Hennekens, a native of Germany and a sister of August and Fred Hennekens, sketches of whom appear on other pages of this volume. Our subject and his wife have two children, Henry and August. Another son, Otto, died at the age of five years.

In politics Mr. Plagge is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought,—which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious,

energetic man,—and making the best of these he has steadily worked his way upward. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the best citizens of Chippewa county.

ALFRED E. EMERSON.

Alfred E. Emerson, a progressive and enterprising citizen of Chippewa Falls, serving since 1912 as assessor of income taxes, is a native son of Chippewa county, born April 27, 1877. His parents are Edward and Johannah (Larson) Emerson, residents of Chippewa Falls, where the father is prominent in community life, having held such important public positions as register of deeds and deputy sheriff.

Alfred E. Emerson acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa Falls working at the same time in the lumber woods. He then attended for one year the State University at Madison. After laying aside his school books he obtained a position as clerk in the office of the railroad commission at Madison and retained this position until he resigned in order to accept his present place. He has also turned his attention to farming, and owns a farm of two hundred and ten acres in Cleveland township, engaging thereon in the dairy business. In 1912 he was elected assessor of income taxes for Chippewa county and he has since held this office, discharging his duties in a way which reflects credit upon his integrity, energy and public spirit.

In Madison, Wisconsin, in 1903, Mr. Emerson was united in marriage to Miss Molly Bingham, a daughter of Eric Bingham, of that city. Mrs. Emerson passed away in September, 1907, leaving a son, Irvin J. Mr. Emerson is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and is affiliated also with the Sons of Norway. He is independent in his political beliefs, voting for men and measures without regard to party lines. He is at all times a staunch supporter of progressive public movements and his cooperation may always be relied upon in projects for the general welfare.

HAMLIN A. TOWN.

Hamlin A. Town, a representative of one of the best known pioneer families in Chippewa county, owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and thirty acres on section 19, Wheaton township. Upon this property he has lived since he was four years of age and he has been its active manager since 1874, the results of his careful supervision and practical labor being seen in its attractive appearance and excellent condition. He was born in Rose, Wayne county, New York, November 17, 1853, and is a son of Henry M. and Malina J. (Chamberlain) Town, both of whom have passed away. The father came as a pioneer to Wisconsin, settling in Rock county, and in 1857 he moved to Chippewa county, where he resided until his death. He became very prominent in local public

affairs, serving as the first member of the first town board of Wheaton and later as chairman of the town board, town clerk and justice of the peace. He was especially interested in the cause of education and organized the first school in Wheaton, giving a great deal of time and attention to its affairs. He passed away in October, 1884, after having been an invalid for a number of years, and was survived by his wife until September, 1905. The Town family is of old Puritan stock, the first representative, William Town, and his wife, Johanna Blessing, having come to the United States in 1630 when they settled in Salem, Massachusetts. On the maternal side Mr. Town is a lineal descendant of James Hamlin, of the Hamlin family of which Vice President Hannibal Hamlin was an honored member. This line was founded in America in the year 1640.

Hamlin A. Town was the first student in the school which his father founded in Wheaton and he continued his studies until he was twenty-one years of age. He then laid aside his books in order to assume the management of the homestead, his father's ill health not permitting him to engage in the active labor of the farm. Mr. Town has since operated this property and is today the owner of the farm, which comprises one hundred and thirty acres of valuable land on section 19, Wheaton township. In addition to general farming he also has extensive stock-raising interests, keeping about twenty head of cattle, fifteen hogs and four horses.

On the 22d of November, 1883, Mr. Town was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Wells, a daughter of Simeon and Mary (Smith) Wells, both of whom have passed away, the former dying January 19, 1874, and the latter March 11, 1902. Mrs. Town passed away March 12, 1913, and is buried in the Wheaton cemetery. She left three children, Clarence, Harlow and Milton.

Mr. Town is a member of the Methodist church and in 1912 joined the progressive party. He has been active in community affairs and has held the same public offices that his father held, his record as an official and as a private citizen being a credit to a name that has long been an honored one in this community.

ROBERT BRITTON.

Robert Britton, living on an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 13, Wheaton township, devotes his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He is one of the early settlers in this part of the state, having come here in 1858 and has witnessed a great deal of the development of this locality, taking advantage of the opportunities which it offered to achieve a gratifying and well deserved success. He was born in England, March 8, 1848, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Peacock) Britton, both of whom have passed away, the father dying in 1898. He is buried in North Dakota.

Robert Britton was ten years of age when he was brought to Chippewa county by his father and acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa Falls, laying aside his books at the age of sixteen. After leaving school he began working in the lumber woods and so continued for about thirty years thereafter. At the end of that time he turned his attention to farming, buying one hundred

and sixty acres on section 13, Wheaton township, which he now owns. He has one hundred and twenty acres under cultivation and is specializing in the raising of grain, his efforts along this line having been attended with excellent results. Mr. Britton has made many substantial improvements upon his farm, erecting a fine residence, a good barn and the necessary outbuildings, and he owns today one of the best improved and most valuable agricultural properties in this vicinity.

In Chippewa Falls, in 1873, Mr. Britton married Miss Emma Orm, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Orm, both of whom have passed away. The father died when Mrs. Britton was still very young and both parents are buried in Milwaukee. Mr. and Mrs. Britton have become the parents of nine children: William, who is engaged in farming in Chippewa county; Jennie, the wife of Chris Miller, a resident of Washington; Emma, who married Hall Gulder, engaged in the cigarmaking business at Belt, Montana; Thomas, a market gardener in Chippewa county; Robert, engaged in cigarmaking in Montana; Rachel, the wife of Herman Kopp, a cigarmaker in Chippewa Falls; Frank, engaged in the same line of business in Montana; Lillie M., a resident of Montana; and Albion Myles, who lives at home.

Mr. Britton is a republican in his political beliefs and is keenly interested in the growth and development of the county in which he has so long resided. His life record shows what may be accomplished by determination, a persistent spirit and unfaltering enterprise. He has carefully noted and used his opportunities, making each moment count, and his example of unremitting industry and perseverance is one well worthy of emulation.

ALEXIS A. GAYNOR.

Alexis A. Gaynor, principal of the manual and dramatic arts department of the State Home for the Feeble Minded at Chippewa Falls, was born in Dundrum, King's county, Ireland, March 13, 1876, and is a son of W. J. and Theresa M. (Hammond) Gaynor, both of whom still reside in the Emerald isle, the father being a retired captain of the Royal Horse Artillery.

Alexis A. Gaynor acquired his education in the Black Church school in Dublin and in 1898 came to America, settling in Philadelphia, where he attended an art school for some time. He afterward secured a position in the art department of Wanamaker's store and at the end of one year resigned this in order to go to Europe. There he studied art as applied to the work of public institutions under Brophy and Dupr  e and he thus received a thorough training in the line of work in which he had determined to engage. Upon the completion of his course in Europe he secured a position in the Pennsylvania Training School, and afterward was connected with a similar institution at Oakbourne, Pennsylvania.

This he resigned in 1903 and came to Chippewa Falls, where he became identified with the State Home for the Feeble Minded as principal of the manual and dramatic arts departments. He has been in charge of this department since that time and, having supplemented excellent training by practical experience, has accomplished a great deal of capable and farsighted work.

In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 16, 1905, Mr. Gaynor was united in marriage to Miss Emily Mieding, a daughter of Rudolph Mieding, a wholesale druggist of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Gaynor have become the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter. Mr. Gaynor is a devout member of the Roman Catholic church and fraternally is connected with the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he has held various positions of trust and responsibility, serving in an able, efficient way as alderman and member of the county board. The institution with which he is connected is fortunate in numbering him among its officials, for he is an expert in his chosen line of work and successful because he has made a special study of everything relating to it.

W. C. STOLL.

Among the successful farmers of Holcombe township, Chippewa county, is W. C. Stoll, who owns fourteen forty-acre tracts on sections 24 and 25, township 31, range 6, improved with two sets of buildings. Not only has Mr. Stoll attained individual prosperity but through his labors he has greatly contributed to the agricultural advancement made in Chippewa county. A native son of Wisconsin, he was born in Vernon county on Christmas day of 1863 and is a son of Charles A. and Sophia Stoll, born near Hamburg, Germany. Upon coming to this country the father homesteaded in Vernon county and was a pioneer in the Kickapoo country, where he passed away. The mother survives and now makes her home at Viola, Wisconsin.

W. C. Stoll was educated in the neighborhood of his father's farm and early trained by his parents in the old-fashioned virtues of industry and honesty. On the father's place he became acquainted with thorough agricultural methods and acquired a knowledge of farm details which has ever stood him in good stead. In 1901 he came to Chippewa county, acquiring by purchase thirteen forty-acre tracts of wild land, and later another forty-acre tract. He immediately settled down to the task of clearing and improving his land and in that occupation has achieved a notable success. He engages in general farming and the years have brought him prosperity along that line. There are two residences on the place and also two large, substantial and well equipped barns as well as other outbuildings. His land is devoted to such cereals as are best adapted to soil and climate, and the appearance of the place speaks well for the progressiveness of its owner.

On December 29, 1883, in Vernon county, Mr. Stoll was united in marriage to Miss Etta Downer, a daughter of Charles H. and Lucinda (Taylor) Downer, both natives of New York state. The former was for many years a farmer but, with his wife, is now living retired at Viola, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Stoll were born eight children: A. H., who married Anna Harriet Butler, by whom he has two sons, Kenneth Delmore and Charles Everett, and who assists his father with the operation of the home farm; Estella Pearl, who married Myron C. Willis, of Colburn township; Charles Arthur; Gertrude May, who



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married Paul K. Brown, of Ruby township; and Ethel Ruby, Fred Lewis, Adeline and Grace Sophia, all at home.

Mr. Stoll gives his allegiance to the republican party. Although he is deeply interested in all matters of public moment, he has never seen fit to actively enter politics, preferring to discharge his duties as an American citizen in a private way. However, by contributing toward the agricultural advancement of the section, he has done perhaps as much as any public official in carrying forward the banner of civilization, and he is therefore not only highly esteemed on account of what he has accomplished in the way of material success for himself but also for what his labors have contributed toward the general welfare by indirectly building up this section of Chippewa county. His friends and neighbors speak of him only in the highest terms of praise and he well merits their good-will and confidence, which have been won because of his high qualities of mind and character.

CHARLES MARRINER.

Charles Marriner is ably discharging the duties devolving upon him in the capacity of postmaster of Cadott, to which position he was appointed in 1912. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Chippewa county, his birth having occurred in Cadott on the 23d of November, 1869. His father, Robert Marriner, was born at Milton, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, on the 10th of June, 1830, and when a little lad of seven years was taken to Allegheny, that state, where he acquired his education. After putting aside his text-books he worked as a shoemaker until he had attained his majority and subsequently spent a short time as a buggy salesman. In 1853 he came to Chippewa county, Wisconsin, which then comprised the area from Lake Superior to Eau Claire, and there spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1911. He first worked in and around sawmills and later formed a partnership with Larry Calhoun. They rafted logs to the Mississippi river under contract and on the return trip brought back supplies to Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls. In the winter of 1857-8 Mr. Marriner put logs in the Yellow river and in the fall of the latter year preempted one hundred and sixty acres of land, the property including the water power and most of the site of Cadott. He was elected sheriff of Chippewa county in 1859 and held the office during that year and 1860. At that early period the district was infested with many desperate characters, but Mr. Marriner proved himself a fearless official and exercised his authority even at the risk of his life. Possessing strong will power, a quick eye and steady nerve, he remained unharmed in times of extreme danger and by successfully enforcing the law commanded the respect of all. In 1862 he was appointed provost marshal of Chippewa county, ably discharging the important duties devolving upon him in that connection until the close of the Civil war. In 1865 he built the first sawmill in Cadott, utilizing the water power on his land, and ten years later erected the first roller flour mill in the town.

In 1875 he platted the village of Cadott and at his own expense purchased a stump puller, by means of which he cleared away the stumps from the streets

of the village. He served as the first postmaster of Cadott and held the office until the inauguration of President Cleveland, when he resigned. Robert Marriner was the pioneer and founder of Cadott, which now has a population of about eight hundred. The period of his residence there covered almost six decades and during all those years his labors were a potent element in the up-building and development of the district. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eleanor Norway, was a native of New York and passed away in 1901 at the age of seventy-two years. Our subject is the only surviving member of their family of six children.

Charles Marriner attended common school at Cadott until fifteen years of age and after putting aside his text-books worked in the flour mill until it was destroyed by fire in 1888. Subsequently he was engaged in various occupations until appointed postmaster of Cadott in 1912, since which time he has proved an efficient incumbent of that position. He is a stockholder in the Citizens State Bank of Cadott and owns water power, a residence and several lots in the town.

On the 29th of June, 1901, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mr. Marriner was united in marriage to Miss Laura Vender Bie, her father being Engel Vender Bie, a cabinet-maker and fire insurance man of Platteville, Wisconsin. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Marriner have been born four children, namely: Hiltja E.; Laura; Charles N., whose demise occurred in 1908; and Beatrice. Mr. Marriner is a republican in his political views and has served as a member of the county board for eight years. In the community where his entire life has been spent he is well known as a substantial, esteemed and representative citizen.

T. B. HASKINS.

T. B. Haskins is proprietor of a well appointed meat market in Bloomer. He has been a life long resident of Chippewa county, his birth having occurred within its borders in 1868. He is a son of T. Y. Haskins, a native of Illinois, who in the year 1855 came to Wisconsin, settling about a mile from Bloomer upon a tract of land which he devoted to general farming, carrying on agricultural pursuits for a number of years. He died in Bloomer in 1903 at an advanced age, and left behind him many friends who entertained for him warm regard. In early manhood he wedded Sophia Walmsly, who also died in this county. They were the parents of six children, of whom four are living.

T. B. Haskins was a pupil in the public schools of his native county and devoted portions of his youth to farm work, assisting his father in the labors of the fields. He was afterward engaged in the milling business and then, desiring to add to his education, he became a student in the Superior University. He thus became well equipped for life's practical and responsible duties, and when his text-books were put aside he turned his attention to the meat business, in which he has since continued, remaining at his present location for the past eleven years. He slaughters his own cattle, puts up his own ice and has a well equipped plant, enabling him to care for his meats in most modern and approved manner. His stock comprises a full line of fresh and salt meats, for which he finds a

ready sale, his honorable and enterprising business methods securing him a liberal and well merited patronage.

In 1899 Mr. Haskins was married to Miss Barbara Hartman, of Bloomer, and unto them have been born two children, Violet and Lantz, who are attending school. The parents hold membership in the Congregational church and Mr. Haskins belongs to the fraternal organizations of Woodmen and Beavers. His political allegiance is given the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise.

WILLIAM E. DE KELVER.

William E. De Kelver, one of the most progressive and able young business men of Chippewa Falls, has since 1905 been proprietor of the Chippewa Glove Factory and through well directed efforts has developed a concern which is today ranked with the leading industrial enterprises of the city. He was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, September 29, 1879, and is a son of J. F. and Mary (Vincent) De Kelver, the former of whom was one of the early merchants of the old Green Bay settlement.

William E. De Kelver acquired his early education in the public schools of his native city and afterward attended normal school at Oshkosh, from which he was graduated in 1901. In the same year he turned his attention to teaching, becoming principal of the public schools at Amberg, Wisconsin, a position which he retained until 1905. In that year he moved to Chippewa Falls and although he had had no experience in business, turned his attention to this field and purchased the Chippewa Glove and Mitten Company and continued operations under the style of the Chippewa Glove Factory, of which he has since been the owner. The success of the concern was immediate. Starting in a small way, the factory furnishing employment to only five people, Mr. De Kelver has developed a large industrial institution occupying a floor space of fifty by one hundred and forty feet and furnishing employment to thirty-five people in its various departments. The remarkable growth of the institution is due entirely to the owner's courage, determination and well directed efforts and his career furnishes a splendid example of the value of these qualities in the accomplishment of success. He is still a young man but has already been carried forward into important relations with business interests of Chippewa Falls and the city owes to him the development and upbuilding of one of her important industrial concerns.

FRED W. HENNEKENS.

Fred W. Hennekens, a representative and successful agriculturist of Cleveland township, owns and operates a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 12. He is a native of Hanover, Germany, and a son of Johann and Sophia Wilhelmina (Veget) Hennekens. The mother died in that country but the father emigrated to the United States and settled in Cleveland township,

Chippewa county, Wisconsin, here passing away at the age of sixty-seven years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johann Hennekens were born eight children, as follows: Sophia, who is the wife of Henry Plagge and makes her home in Germany; Henry, who is a resident of Holland; Louis and August, living in Cleveland township, this county; Carrie, who is the widow of Al Raymond and also resides in Cleveland township; Eliza, who gave her hand in marriage to August Plagge; Fred W., of this review; and one who died in infancy.

Fred W. Hennekens obtained his education in the common schools of his native land and when a youth of seventeen crossed the Atlantic to the new world, taking up his abode in the home of a sister in Cleveland township, this county. He secured employment on the river and in the woods and eventually turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 12, Cleveland township, on which some improvements had been made. His house, substantial and commodious, is practically new and he also has good outbuildings. His farming interests have returned to him a gratifying annual income and he is numbered among the prosperous and respected citizens of his community.

In Chippewa county, Mr. Hennekens was united in marriage to Miss Anna Gourdoux, a native of Cleveland township and a daughter of Alexander Gourdoux, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. Our subject and his wife have six children, namely: Fred A., Eveline A., Dorothea E., Helena M., Theodore J. and A. Josephine. All are still at home.

Politically Mr. Hennekens is a staunch republican, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. He has served on the township board of supervisors, also in the capacity of justice of the peace and as a member of the school board, ever proving a capable and trustworthy public official. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church. His support is given to all progressive measures and his aid can always be counted upon to further those interests which are of genuine worth in the county.

WILLIAM A. MONTGOMERY.

William A. Montgomery, one of the active and progressive young farmers of Chippewa county, owning and operating one hundred and sixty acres of fine land on section 25, Wheaton township, was born in Eau Claire, this state, in 1881, and is a son of Archie and Imogene (Kershner) Montgomery, residents of that city. The father has been engaged in the lumber business there for over forty years and is numbered among the most prominent and successful business men of the community.

William A. Montgomery acquired his education in the schools of his native city and laid aside his books at the age of twenty-three, spending seven years thereafter assisting his father in the lumber mills. He then moved to Chippewa Falls and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Wheaton township. Upon this farm he has since resided and has placed one hundred acres under cultivation, meeting with that success which always follows earnest and well directed

labor. Mr. Montgomery carries on general farming and is also extensively interested in stock-raising, keeping about twenty head of cattle, six horses and fifteen hogs.

In Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on the 22d of February, 1908, Mr. Montgomery was united in marriage to Miss May Anderson, a daughter of Thomas and Pauline (Tarney) Anderson, the former of whom died in May, 1913, and the latter in 1909. Both are buried in Eau Claire. Mr. Montgomery is a republican in his political beliefs and interested in the growth of his township, although not an active office-seeker. Although still a young man, he is already ranked with the progressive farmers of this locality and his continued success is assured.

SAMUEL JENKINS.

The history of the commercial development of Chippewa Falls would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make mention of the career of Samuel Jenkins, proprietor of the largest department store in the city. This enterprise is operated under the name of Jenkins Brothers and has been for more than thirty years a strong and reliable business concern, the name standing as a synonym for honorable and upright methods of dealing and for business progressiveness. Mr. Jenkins was born at Weymouth, England, December 23, 1849, and is a son of Frank K. and Mary Ann (Atkinson) Jenkins, also natives of that country. The father came to America in 1852 and for about nine years thereafter followed the shoemaker's trade. He fought through the entire period of the Civil war, going to the front as commissary and winning promotion to the rank of brevet major, holding a commission signed by President Lincoln. He died almost immediately after the close of hostilities and is buried in Baraboo, Wisconsin. His wife survived him many years, dying in 1893.

Samuel Jenkins was brought to America by his parents when he was still a child and he acquired his education in the public schools of Baraboo. His career furnishes many splendid examples of the value of determination, perseverance and industry in the accomplishment of success, for he laid aside his books at the early age of fourteen and since that time has been dependent upon his own resources. At that time the Civil war was not yet ended and times were hard then and for some years thereafter. Mr. Jenkins was obliged to turn his attention to any line of work in which he could earn an honest dollar and was not ashamed to chop wood or work on a farm. Being young, ambitious and energetic, he was soon fairly successful and when he was twenty-three years of age he owned an excellent farm of eighty acres, well improved and cultivated and entirely free from debt. Selling this in 1882, he came to Chippewa Falls, where his brother George P. Jenkins owned a general store, in which the subject of this review bought an interest. Three years later George P. Jenkins sold his interest to his brother Rufus A. and the two brothers, Samuel and Rufus, carried on business together under the name of Jenkins Brothers. Each year witnessed the expansion of the enterprise, for its proprietors understood the mercantile business in principle and detail, studied business conditions and conformed to them, neglecting nothing which would in any way promote the growth of their

store. As a result of their progressive and practical methods the concern became the largest of its kind in the county, the brothers controlling an important and representative patronage. Rufus A. Jenkins died June 30, 1912, and Samuel Jenkins has since conducted the business, retaining the old name of Jenkins Brothers.

At Delton, Wisconsin, April 13, 1873, Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Marshall, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marshall, the former a pioneer farmer of Sauk county. Both have passed away and are buried at Delton. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have become the parents of two children: May E., who married Alexander Wiley, district attorney in Chippewa county; and R. D., deputy county treasurer of Kootenai county, Idaho, at Coeur d'Alene.

Fraternally Mr. Jenkins is connected with the Knights of the Maccabees and he is a republican in his political beliefs. For the past thirty years he has been numbered among the enterprising merchants of Chippewa Falls and among the greatest individual forces in the commercial development of the city. His success has been entirely the result of his own well directed efforts, for he started out in life empty-handed and by diligence, energy and perseverance has gained prominence and substantial fortune.

FRANK ZIMMERMAN.

For twenty-six years Frank Zimmerman has been prominently connected with the business interests of Cadott as a dealer in flour and feed and during the whole period has met with that success which his straightforward business methods and his practical ability so well deserve. He was born in Washington county, Maryland, September 6, 1854, and is a son of John and Mary (Johnstone) Zimmerman, both natives of that state, the former born in Washington county in 1815 and the latter in Frederick county. The father was a distiller by trade, following this occupation until his death in 1869. His wife survives him and is now almost ninety years of age. To their union were born eight children, Martha, Julia A., William T. H., Cornelia, Eliza C., Frank, Frances and Robert L.

Frank Zimmerman had no educational opportunities but he has made up for his disadvantages along this line by a wide experience and contact with many sorts and conditions of men. He left home when he was a mere boy and traveled through various parts of the United States, staying for some time in Virginia, Colorado, Kansas City and Chicago and finally in 1880 settling in Cadott. He had learned the well and ditch digging trade but after following it for one year formed a partnership with Mrs. I. W. Sheldon in the conduct of a boarding house. He purchased his partner's interests at the end of one year and afterward ran the establishment for five years. In 1887 he sold this enterprise and opened a grain and feed store which he still conducts. He today carries a stock of feed, grain, flour, roofing and building material valued at six thousand dollars and controls a large patronage accorded to him in recognition of his reasonable prices, his honorable business methods and his earnest desire to please his patrons. In addition to his store property he owns an attractive residence in Cadott and six hundred acres of land in Chippewa county.

In Cadott, on the 3d of October, 1882, Mr. Zimmerman married Miss Effie Boutelle, who was born June 19, 1860, a daughter of William and Esther E. (Woodbury) Boutelle. She was left an orphan at an early age and was reared in the home of Dr. Myers, of Wautoma, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman have two children: Robert L., assistant cashier of the State Bank of Holcombe; and Ruby F., who was graduated from the musical department of the Normal Training School at Detroit in December, 1911, and is now teaching in the public schools.

Mr. Zimmerman is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is independent in his political beliefs. He served as treasurer of the village for five years and during that time proved himself a capable and farsighted public official. A period of residence in Cadott covering more than a quarter of a century has made him widely known here and his energy, integrity and uprightness of character have gained him the esteem and confidence of all who are associated with him.

HECTOR C. McRAE.

A long career in the public service, covering activity in various county, state and federal offices, has brought Hector C. McRae an enviable reputation as a capable politician, a farsighted business man and a public-spirited and progressive citizen. He first came to Chippewa Falls in 1868 and, although his residence here has not been continuous, it has covered a period of many years, during which he has been a leading force in progress in the city. Since 1912 he has been serving as immigration agent for the Canadian government and in this office is doing his usual discriminating and capable work.

Mr. McRae was born in Stormont county, Ontario, March 21, 1837, and is a son of John and Ann (Munroe) McRae, both of Scotch extraction. The father was born in Scotland and went as a pioneer to Ontario, where he engaged in farming for a number of years. He and his wife have passed away and are buried in the same grave on the Indian lands in Glengarry county.

Hector C. McRae acquired his education in the public schools of his native province and in a business college there, laying aside his books at the age of eighteen. He then became connected with mercantile interests as a clerk in a general store and held this position until he came to Chippewa Falls. Here he entered the employ of Martin & Swan, general merchants, and after one year bought an interest in the concern, the name being then changed to Swan & McRae. Mr. McRae continued as a member of this firm until 1872, when he sold his interest in the business and began a career in the public service which has brought him well deserved honor and distinction. He was elected county treasurer and after four years' capable work in that office was made a member of the state legislature, serving during two sessions and becoming identified during that time with a great deal of constructive and progressive legislation. In 1880 he again turned his attention to business, forming a partnership with his brother John in the establishment of a mill at Chippewa Falls. They erected their own plant and also built a dam and their partnership continued for some time. After it was dissolved Mr. McRae of this review carried on the business for himself for two

years and then formed another partnership. Later, on account of ill health, he sold his interest to a Mr. Kennedy. The mill is still in existence and the business is carried on under the name of the Consolidated Milling, Elevator & Power Company.

When Mr. McRae disposed of his interest in this latter concern he went to Washington, D. C., and there entered the stationery department in the capitol, serving as clerk there for twelve years. At the end of that time he returned to Chippewa Falls and in 1895 was appointed first immigration agent for the Canadian government. This position he still holds and each year of his service has increased his efficiency until today he is regarded as an expert in such matters as come under his jurisdiction.

Mr. McRae has been twice married. He wedded first Miss Margaret McKay, a daughter of Alexander and Mary (Johnston) McKay. She passed away leaving one son, John A., who resides in California. Mr. McRae afterward married Miss Alice Wiltse, a daughter of Judge Wiltse, of Chippewa Falls.

Mr. McRae is a member of the Presbyterian church and has served as elder. He is connected fraternally with the Masonic lodge and is a member of the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and during the many years of his residence in Chippewa Falls he has been among the leaders in local politics, cooperating heartily in all measures for the public good and proving his loyalty and public spirit in active official service. He has been mayor of the city and during his term of office accomplished a great deal of important work looking toward municipal advancement and progress. His has been an excellent record and his activities as an official and as a private citizen have been among the most important forces in the development of Chippewa Falls since early times.

LEONARD TONNANCOUR.

Leonard Tonnancour, an enterprising, progressive and successful agriculturist, devotes his time and energies to the operation of his farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 1, Cleveland township, and in this connection has won a well merited measure of prosperity. He was born in Canada on the 28th of August, 1870, and is a son of Lactence Tonnancour, likewise a native of that country, and a grandson of Leonard Tonnancour, whose birth occurred in France. When a youth of seventeen the subject of this review crossed the border into the United States and, being obliged to earn a livelihood, accepted any employment that offered itself, working in mills and on the river in Chippewa county. When he had accumulated sufficient capital he purchased a tract of land in what is now Rusk county but disposed of the property when that county was cut off from Chippewa, and in 1890 bought one hundred and forty acres on sections 1, 2 and 12, Cleveland township. The place was practically unimproved, but he began its cultivation with undaunted energy and erected thereon a substantial residence and good outbuildings. In 1891 he sold twenty acres and the boundaries of his farm now include one hundred and twenty acres. The property is well improved in every particular, indicating the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

In Chippewa county Mr. Tonnancour was united in marriage to Miss Susan Diamond, a native of this county and a daughter of Benjamin Diamond, who was one of the earliest settlers here. They have eight living children, namely: Charles, Percy, Clarence, Laura, Lucy, Elmer, Victor and Hazel. Two others died in childhood.

In politics Mr. Tonnancour is a republican and his services have been sought by his fellow townsmen as a public official. He has acted in the capacity of township clerk for nine years and for two years held that office in Rusk county. He has likewise served as township treasurer for two years and has also been clerk of the school board, ever discharging his public duties in a commendable and creditable manner. In religious belief he is a Catholic. He is well known as a man of strict honesty and integrity, true to every cause he has ever espoused, and he enjoys in a high degree the respect and confidence of his neighbors and friends.

HENRY L. BROOKS.

Since 1882 Henry L. Brooks has been closely connected with business interests of Chippewa Falls as a marble and granite monument manufacturer and is today in control of a large and important enterprise which owes its foundation and continued prosperity to his energy, well directed labor and initiative spirit. He was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, November 1, 1853, and is a son of J. O. and Mary J. (Merriam) Brooks, the former a representative of a family whose members came from England to America early in the seventeenth century. The great-grandfather of the subject of this review, Henry W. Gates, fought in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war and the family has been well known in different parts of the United States since that time. J. O. Brooks was for many years engaged in the manufacture of monuments but is now living retired, he and his wife making their home at No. 2482 Grand avenue, South Minneapolis. They have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and upon that occasion were surrounded by a large gathering of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Henry L. Brooks acquired his education in the schools of Sparta, Wisconsin, attending a normal school after he had completed his high-school course. He laid aside his books at the age of twenty-two years and for a time thereafter engaged in teaching, becoming principal of the schools at Norwalk, Wisconsin. During this time he also engaged in the marble manufacturing business and after coming to Chippewa Falls in 1882 resumed this occupation, starting in business on a small scale as a marble and granite monument manufacturer. Success rapidly followed his well directed and untiring labors and he today employs four men, specializing in carving and monumental lettering. The name of the firm is now H. L. Brooks & Son, and controls a large and growing trade.

At Norwalk, Wisconsin, on the 28th of June, 1882, Mr. Brooks was united in marriage to Miss Martha Romanoski, a daughter of August and Wilhelmina Romanoski, the former of whom was for many years in the retail boot and shoe business in that city. He now resides at Camp Douglas, having survived his wife, who died in 1893 at Norwalk. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks have four children: Walter

H., associated with his father under the name of H. L. Brooks & Son; Bertram A., a rancher in Sheridan, Wyoming; Grace H., the wife of Joseph Prueher, an attorney at law in Bloomer, Wisconsin; and Mary, a student in the high school.

Mr. Brooks is a republican in his political beliefs and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the Presbyterian church. During the thirty-one years he has lived in Chippewa Falls he has made many substantial contributions to the industrial development of the city and has become widely and favorably known, his ability and success winning him respect in business circles and his personal qualities commanding the esteem and confidence of all who are associated with him.

EDWARD C. GEHRING.

Edward C. Gehring is one of the proprietors of the Golden Rule Store, being associated in this enterprise with Fred C. Scheidecker. He was born seven miles west of Bloomer, his natal day being November 30, 1884. The family name indicates his German lineage. His father, Jacob Gehring, was a native of Germany, and when a young man crossed the broad Atlantic to the United States, making his way direct to Wisconsin, where he followed the stonemason's trade for a time. Later he turned his attention to farming, in which pursuit he is still engaged. He married Elizabeth Meier, and they became the parents of nine children. Theirs is a notable record, for the family circle still remains unbroken by the hand of death.

At the usual age Edward C. Gehring entered the public schools and mastered the branches of learning taught therein, dividing his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. For several years after leaving school, his entire attention was given to farm work and later he spent ten years as an employe in the Cutting & Thompson store, but he was ambitious to engage in business on his own account and utilized his opportunities toward that end, carefully saving his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to become a partner with Fred C. Scheidecker in the ownership of the Golden Rule Store. They carry a general stock and business is now prospering.

The republican party finds in Mr. Gehring a stalwart advocate. He is ever loyal to the cause which he espouses and is therefore a faithful member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Beavers and of the Methodist church.

FRED C. SCHEIDECKER.

A history of Bloomer would be incomplete without mention of Fred C. Scheidecker, of the Golden Rule Store, of which he is one of the proprietors. The store is a leading mercantile establishment of the town, and its owners bear an enviable reputation as enterprising and progressive young business men. Mr. Scheidecker was born in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, in 1876, and comes of

German ancestry. He is a son of Fred Scheidecker, a native of Germany, who remained in the fatherland until more than thirty years of age, when he bade adieu to friends and native country, and sailed for the United States. He made his way direct to Wisconsin and now resides a half mile north of Bloomer. He is a mechanic by trade but has been connected to a considerable extent with agricultural interests. He was married in Germany to Miss Wilhelmina Ehrling and their children were three in number.

Spending his youthful days in his father's home, Fred C. Scheidecker was a pupil in the schools of Bloomer and later turned his attention to the occupation of farming, with which work he was connected until he reached the age of eighteen years. He then took up merchandising and on the 14th of June, 1913, established the Golden Rule Store at Bloomer in partnership with Edward C. Gehring. They carry a full line of general merchandise, including men's and ladies' furnishings, groceries, shoes, etc. The store is supplied with all modern equipments and would be a credit to a place much larger than Bloomer.

In 1900 Mr. Scheidecker was united in marriage to Miss Emma Andrews, and they have become the parents of six children: Arthur, Lucile, Lillian and John, all of whom are in school; Edna and Elton, at home. Mr. Scheidecker holds membership in the Beavers, in the Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is ever loyal to the allegiance he owes to these organizations and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit upon which they are based.

FRANK G. MARTIN.

Frank G. Martin, assistant cashier of the Lumberman's National Bank, is a native son of Chippewa Falls, born December 25, 1873. His parents were L. F. and Julia (Girard) Martin, the former of whom was a pioneer hardware merchant in this city and very active in local democratic politics. For four years he was a member of the senate, representing this district, and during President Cleveland's administration did capable and reliable work as postmaster. He died in 1909, at the age of sixty-six years, having survived his wife since 1891. Both are buried in Forest Hill cemetery.

Frank G. Martin acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa Falls, graduating from the high school in 1891. Immediately afterward he entered the employ of the Lumbermen's National Bank and he has been continuously identified with this institution since that time. He has advanced steadily and is now a stockholder and director in the bank and holds the office of assistant cashier. In addition to this he is vice president of the Chippewa Falls Realty Company and his ability is recognized and respected in business circles.

On the 25th of August, 1908, Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Minta Shook, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shook, the former for many years a well known business man of this city. He and his wife now reside at Lafayette, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are well known in social circles of Chippewa Falls and occupy an attractive residence at No. 716 West Columbia street.

Mr. Martin is a thirty-second degree Mason and has been through all the chairs in the local lodge. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and takes an

intelligent interest in public affairs without being active as an office seeker. His religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Presbyterian church and he is a man of high worth and sterling integrity, widely respected and honored in a community which has known him from his birth to the present time.

AUGUST HENNEKENS.

August Hennekens, who has been a resident of Chippewa county for a quarter of a century, has devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits and is owner of a tract of land comprising eighty acres on section 13, Cleveland township. His birth occurred in Hanover, Germany, on the 15th of October, 1861, his parents being Johann and Sophia Wilhelmina (Veget) Hennekens, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Fred W. Hennekens, a brother of our subject. In 1888, when a young man of twenty-seven years, August Hennekens crossed the Atlantic to the United States, coming direct to Chippewa county, Wisconsin. He worked at lumbering for one year and then acquired forty acres of unimproved land, which he cleared and has since cultivated. The buildings on the place were erected by him, and he subsequently extended the boundaries of his farm by an additional purchase of forty acres, so that it now comprises eighty acres. He carries on general farming and his efforts in this connection have been attended with a gratifying and well merited measure of success.

In Chippewa county Mr. Hennekens was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Martens, a native of Germany, who came to the United States with her brother. They have three children: Mary Sophia, August and Wilhelmina. The family are devout communicants of the Lutheran church, and in his political views Mr. Hennekens is a republican. Coming to the new world in search of broader opportunities, he has worked persistently and energetically and has won and maintained a reputation as one of the substantial and representative agriculturists of his community.

JACOB P. MILLER.

Prominent among the successful business men of Chippewa Falls is Jacob P. Miller, who since 1896 has been engaged in the cigar manufacturing business. He is a native of this city, born December 18, 1873, and is a son of John and Susanna (Welter) Miller, both of German extraction. The father was for many years well known in business circles of Chippewa Falls, he and Jacob Leinenkugel having founded the Leinenkugel & Miller Brewery, which is now operated under the name of the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company. John Miller passed away August 13, 1906, at the age of sixty-nine, having survived his wife since 1883. Both are buried in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery at Chippewa Falls.

Jacob P. Miller acquired his education in the Notre Dame parochial school and laid aside his books at the age of fourteen years. Immediately afterward he began to learn cigarmaking and, having mastered the details of this occupation, established a factory of his own at No. 513 North Bridge street. Here he has engaged in business since 1896 and he controls today a large and representative trade, for he is an expert in his chosen line of work and adheres always to high and honorable business methods.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 21st of February, 1905, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Frieda Burkhardt, a daughter of Christian and Caroline Burkhardt, the former at one time a well known farmer of Taylor county. The parents have passed away and are buried at Thorp, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one daughter, Caroline. Mr. Miller is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is a democrat in his political views. He is a man of unquestioned integrity and commercial honor, who enjoys in the highest measure the respect of all who know him. That many of his stanchest friends are numbered among those who have known him from boyhood to the present time is an indication that his has been an honorable and upright life and that he is well worthy of the esteem in which he is uniformly held.

DALE CHARLES HICKOK.

Dale Charles Hickok, well known in journalistic circles in Chippewa county as publisher of the Cadott Blade, was born in Clintonville, Waupaca county, Wisconsin, January 27, 1888, the youngest son of John A. and Almeda J. (Davis) Hickok. John A. Hickok was born in Cato, Manitowoc county, this state, December 18, 1846, and on the 21st of April, 1873, married Miss Almeda Davis, whose birth occurred in Omro, Wisconsin, October 7, 1845. The father was telegrapher by profession, following this occupation for many years. He and his wife now reside at Shawano, Wisconsin.

Dale Charles Hickok acquired his education in the public schools of Waupaca county and afterward attended school in Clintonville for three years. Laying aside his books at the age of seventeen, he moved north with his parents and there gained a great deal of practical and beneficial knowledge regarding outdoor life, taking a keen delight in hunting, fishing and trapping. During his school career he was a member of the football, baseball, basketball and track teams, competing in the distance runs, and this interest in athletics he has carried forward into later life. Under the direction of an older brother, Mr. Hickok studied telegraphy and he followed this occupation at intervals for three years. In 1908 he held a position as time-keeper on the construction of grade, of the Wisconsin and Northern Railroad, this line being built through the virgin forests of the Menominee Indian Reservation. In the fall of 1912 he embarked in the newspaper business as associate editor of the Cadott Blade and on the 1st of March, 1913, he accepted the management of this paper, which he still publishes. In addition to this he is the proprietor of a moving picture theater, which is the only place of amusement in Cadott.

In his early days Mr. Hickok attained considerable reputation as an orator. He was deeply interested in the oratorical contests of his high school, and represented it in the district oratorical contest held at Appleton in 1905. He was also a member of the Clintonville High School Interscholastic Debating Team in the same year.

He is a member of the Order of Owls and is independent in his political beliefs. He is well and favorably known in Cadott, holding the esteem and confidence of all who are associated with him.

JAMES M. DODMEAD.

James M. Dodmead devotes his energies to tilling the soil, stock-raising and to the conduct of a dairy business. His farm lies on section 36, Wheaton township, and comprises three hundred and twenty acres, which under his able management have become very productive. Mr. Dodmead was born at North Prairie, Waukesha county, Wisconsin, July 4, 1862, and is a son of Matthew and Sarah (Garside) Dodmead, the former of whom died in 1881 and is buried in Genesee, Wisconsin. His wife survives at the age of eighty years and makes her home with the subject of this review. Both parents were natives of England, the father coming to Wisconsin at an early day in the history of this state. By trade he was a bricklayer and plasterer. He located in Milwaukee and there worked at his trade, assisting in the building of some of the foremost edifices, among which may be named the cathedral. Later he removed to Waukesha county, continuing along building lines, but also engaging to some extent in farming.

James M. Dodmead acquired his education in the public schools of his native county and laid aside his books at the age of fourteen years. After leaving school he assisted his father on the farm for about two years and then accepted employment with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad as an apprentice in the shops. Three years later he turned his attention to surveying, which occupation he followed for one year and then became a fireman on the Wisconsin Central Railroad, now known as the Soo Line. This position he held for four and a half years, after which he was engaged as engineer for twelve years. During that time he acquired by purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land on sections 10 and 15 in Wheaton township. At the end of the twelve years he came to this farm, giving his entire attention to its cultivation, and he has since continued along agricultural lines. In 1906 Mr. Dodmead purchased one hundred and sixty acres in addition to his other holdings, which makes a complex of three hundred and twenty acres. He is today classed among the representative agriculturists of this vicinity. In addition to general farming he engages in stock-raising, keeping about forty head of cattle and making a specialty of Guernseys. He also keeps an average of thirty hogs and ten horses and has some fine pedigreed stock. He gives considerable attention to dairying, along which line he is particularly successful.

On November 29, 1889, in North Prairie, Wisconsin, Mr. Dodmead was married to Miss Mary Carlin, a daughter of John and Anne (James) Carlin, both of whom have passed away. The mother died in 1900, at the age of seventy-

three years, and was survived by her husband for four years, his death occurring when he was eighty-four. They are buried in Waukesha county. Mr. and Mrs. Dodmead have become the parents of five children, Jay, Estella, Ruth, Elmer and Esther. It is interesting to note that both parents of these children were born and reared in the same locality, attended the same public and Sunday schools and were sweethearts from childhood.

Mr. Dodmead is a republican in his political beliefs and has been active in local affairs, having held the office of town treasurer for nine years and having been a member of the school board for twelve years. Beside his extensive farm he is interested in other affairs, serving at present as president of the Wisconsin Telephone Company and being a stockholder in the Wisconsin National Life Insurance Company and the Farmers Cooperative Produce Company of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is well known in Chippewa and adjacent counties as a man of tried integrity and worth, and he and his family stand high in the estimation of the community.

HENRY J. MISFELDT.

Henry J. Misfeldt, since 1892 prominently connected with industrial interests of Chippewa Falls as a member of the firm of Felber & Misfeldt, carriage and wagon manufacturers, has been a resident of this county since 1869 but is a native of Germany, born near Kiel, September 7, 1864. He is a son of John and Emily Misfeldt, who came to America in 1869 and settled in Chippewa county, where the father engaged in the lumber business and also worked in the lumber woods. He was for a number of years connected with the Union Lumber Company in their store and warehouse at Chippewa Falls and is now carrying on a general mercantile business in this city. He has taken an active interest in educational affairs and has done a great deal of constructive and able work along this line. He has long survived his wife, who died in 1872 and is buried in Chippewa Falls.

Henry J. Misfeldt acquired his education in the public schools of this city and laid aside his books at the age of sixteen years in order to begin learning the carriage and wagon manufacturing business. Having mastered this trade, he formed a partnership with R. E. Felber and in 1892 they organized the firm of Felber & Misfeldt, carriage and wagon manufacturers. They have a fine modern plant at No. 1 Bridge street and since the business was established it has expanded rapidly year by year, Mr. Misfeldt's energy, ability and power of organization being helpful factors in its growth.

In Chippewa Falls, on March 11, 1890, Mr. Misfeldt was united in marriage to Miss Martha Wenzel, a native of Germany, and they have become the parents of three daughters; Emma, the wife of John Rheingans, manager of the elevator operated by the Farmers Produce Company of Eagle Point; Erna, residing at home; and Florence, a graduate of the Chippewa Falls high school. The family occupy a comfortable residence at 106 State street and are well known in social

circles of the city. Mr. Misfeldt is a member of the German Lutheran church and is a democrat in his political beliefs, serving at the present time as a member of the board of aldermen. His personal characteristics have gained for him the high regard and friendship of many, while along business lines he has attained that success which comes only as the result of ability and industry.

REV. JOSEPH FRECENON.

Rev. Joseph Frecenon, pastor of Holy Ghost church, Chippewa Falls, was born on the island of Martinique, in the West Indies, July 27, 1851, and is a son of Charles and Josephine Frecenon, both French origin and the former for many years a well known general merchant in Martinique. The parents have both passed away and are buried in the family cemetery at Samentin.

Rev. Joseph Frecenon acquired his primary education in the public schools of Martinique, completing it in Ploermel (Britain) France, where he took his philosophical course. He began his first year of theology at St. Pierre, the town destroyed by Mont Pelée. He was ordained at Paris to the Catholic priesthood on the 28th of October, 1874, by the Bishop De Margueries of Autun and after spending one year at Cellule, where he was connected as professor with a college, was sent to St. Pierre, Miquelon, in the vicinity of Newfoundland, where he remained for sixteen years as teacher superior of an educational institution, doing also a great deal of mission work. Father Frecenon afterward went to Beauvais, France, as professor and chaplain of the Agricultural Institute there and from that city was sent to Detroit, Michigan, where he acted as assistant pastor for nine years. From Detroit he was transferred to Chippewa Falls and he has since been pastor of the Holy Ghost church here, accomplishing a great deal of earnest and consecrated work among the people of his parish and proving at all times zealous in the discharge of his duties and able and farsighted in his administration of the church property under his charge. In order to help his poor church he composed a book which has been approved by the highest authorities of the Catholic church in America. He holds in a large measure the love of his parishioners and has the esteem and respect of people of all denominations, for his upright and honorable life is in entire accord with the doctrines and principles which he professes.

C. SUNDET.

C. Sundet, well known as one of the leading business men of Chippewa Falls, where since 1890 he has been connected with mercantile interests as the proprietor of a large and profitable music store, was born at Eker, Norway, June 28, 1863. His parents were Ole and Martha Sundet, both of whom were born in Eker and both of whom have passed away.

C. Sundet acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and in the public schools and business college at Chippewa Falls, whither he came



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in 1883, when he was twenty years of age. After laying aside his books he worked in a sawmill and was later cook in a lumber camp, spending three years in this latter occupation. At the end of that time he secured a position as a sewing machine agent and after four years established himself in the sewing machine business, conducting a profitable enterprise of this character in Chippewa Falls until 1890, when he turned his attention to his present field. He erected the music block at No. 318 Bridge street and here has a well stocked music store, which under his able management has become one of the leading concerns of its kind in the city. Mr. Sundet deals in pianos, organs and other musical instruments and in sheet music and controls an important and growing patronage, which has been accorded to him in recognition of his well selected line of goods and his upright and honorable business methods.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 16th of September, 1889, Mr. Sundet married Miss Helena Bakke, a daughter of Erick Bakke, deceased, formerly a farmer in Taylor county. Mr. and Mrs. Sundet have two children: Margaret, who was formerly a student at Lawrence University and who now attends the State University at Madison; and Mabel, a graduate of the Chippewa Falls high school.

Mr. Sundet is a trustee of the Norwegian Lutheran church and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge, the Sons of Norway and is a charter member of the Woodmen of the World. He gives most of his time to the conduct of his business interests and in this field has met with gratifying and well deserved success, being now regarded as one of the most substantial as well as one of the most progressive and reliable business men of the city.

ERNEST LEEGE.

Ernest Leege, owning a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 33, Wheaton township, is classed with the men who have in the past quarter of a century made substantial contributions to the agricultural development of Chippewa county. He was born April 4, 1867, in Germany and is a son of Mitchell and Pauline (Nonnanpradigan) Leege, both of whom have passed away and are buried in the fatherland.

Ernest Leege acquired his education in the public schools of Germany, laying aside his books at the age of fourteen in order to secure employment as a farm laborer. He continued thus in his native country for six years and then, in 1887, emigrated to America, locating in Chippewa county, where he resumed his former employment. He worked at farming in the employ of others for five years and during that time saved his money, finally accumulating enough to purchase land. He bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 33, Wheaton township, and of this he has forty-five acres under cultivation, specializing in the raising of grain. His methods have always been practical and, therefore, productive of excellent results and his success places him among the prosperous and substantial agriculturists of his locality.

Mr. Leege has been twice married. In Chippewa county, on the 28th of September, 1893, he wedded Miss Francisco Slacroski, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Antonio Slacroski. To this union were born four children, William, John, Amanda and Arthur. Mr. Legee's first wife died June 15, 1912, and on the 20th of March of the following year he married Mrs. Philomena (Hidemann) Sandman, a daughter of August and Philomena (Kouzenbaugh) Hidemann, who have passed away and are buried in Minnesota.

Mr. Legee is a member of the Lutheran church and is a democrat in his political beliefs. He has, however, never been active in public affairs, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his agricultural interests, which are ably conducted and have brought him gratifying and well deserved success.

ROBERT L. ZIMMERMAN.

Robert L. Zimmerman, assistant cashier of the Holcombe Bank at Holcombe, Wisconsin, was appointed to his present position in 1907, and in that connection has rendered satisfactory service that has contributed to the success of the bank and placed him among the enterprising business men of the town. Chippewa county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Chippewa Falls, April 3, 1887, his parents being Frank and Effie (Boutelle) Zimmerman. The father is a flour and feed merchant of Cadott, Wisconsin. The family is of German origin that has long been represented in this country.

Robert L. Zimmerman acquired his education in the schools of Cadott and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1904. He then began work on a farm near Holcombe and was also employed for a time in a store, thus beginning a business experience which well prepared him for his present duties. He entered the bank in 1907 in the capacity of assistant cashier, which position he has held ever since, making a creditable record in that connection. He is also interested in the real-estate business and has negotiated several important real-estate deals.

In politics Mr. Zimmerman is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He is well known in local fraternal circles, having taken the royal arch degree in Masonry, while he is also a loyal representative of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a young man whose life's record covers a little more than a quarter of a century, but already he has gained a position which many an older citizen might well envy. Mr. Zimmerman was married July 15, 1913, to Caddie M. Runkel, of Cornell, Wisconsin.

ALEXANDER R. McDONALD, M. D.

Dr. Alexander R. McDonald, a well known and successful representative of the medical fraternity in Chippewa county, has been continuously engaged in practice as a physician and surgeon of Boyd for the past three decades. His birth occurred on a plantation on the Trinity river, Trinity county, Texas, on the 10th of September, 1851, his parents being Alexander and Margaret (Roberts) McDonald, the former a native of Stony Point, Glengarry county, Ontario, Canada, and the latter of Texas. Alexander McDonald, Sr., held the rank of colonel in

the old Texas Rangers and was also prominent in public life, serving as a member of the state legislature which met at Austin, Texas. He was one who was instrumental in the location of the state penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas. His demise was most untimely, for he died of cholera at Houston, Texas, in 1851, when our subject was still but an infant. His wife, whose natal year was 1820, passed away in 1892, at the age of seventy-two. They were the parents of three children, as follows: James, who served as a Confederate soldier in the Civil war and died in Arkansas during the conflict; Ranald, a landowner of Trinity, Texas, who wedded Mollie Turner and has five children; and Alexander R., of this review.

The last named obtained his early education in the common schools of Huntsville, Texas, and in 1866 went to Canada, where he continued his studies. In order to prepare himself for a professional career he entered the medical department of McGill University where he was a student for three years. Owing to impaired health he went west in the fall of 1875 and on his return again entered McGill where he was graduated with the degree of M. D., C. M. in 1882. Coming to Chippewa county, Wisconsin, in the spring of 1875 he opened an office in the village of Boyd and has there remained to the present time, having built up a large and lucrative practice. He was the first physician to locate between Chippewa Falls and Abbotsford and has gained and maintained an enviable reputation as a skilled and able representative of the profession in this part of the state. As a member of the Chippewa County Medical Society and the American Medical Association he keeps in close touch with the progress that is being continually made by the fraternity. He owns an attractive and commodious residence in Boyd and also has other property holdings.

In Minneapolis, Minnesota, on the 9th of June, 1897, Dr. McDonald was united in marriage to Miss Lydia May McCallum, her parents being Archie and Priscilla (Eastman) McCallum, the former a woodsman of Minneapolis. Dr. McDonald is a democrat in his political views and has served as a member of the school board for two years. He finds recreation and pleasure in hunting and fishing and is an adept with both the rod and gun. His professional labor is regarded as of value by the general community and he enjoys the respect of his brethren of the medical fraternity by reason of his strict conformity to a high standard of professional ethics.

RAYMOND L. CLEAVES.

Raymond L. Cleaves is a partner in the firm of A. J. Edminster & Company, conducting a general business at Holcombe and at Cornell. He has been interested in that undertaking since 1911 and now bends his entire energies to the successful direction and development of that enterprise. He was born in Chippewa county on the 17th of October, 1882, his birthplace being Eagle Point. His parents are Eugene A. and Jennie (Shipman) Cleaves. The former is a hotel proprietor at Kuna, Idaho, and the family is an old one in America.

Raymond L. Cleaves acquired his education in the public schools and in the normal school at River Falls, Wisconsin, where he pursued his studies until he reached the age of eighteen years. Thinking it time that he became a factor in business circles and provide for his own support, he spent the succeeding two years at farm labor and then entered the employ of the Omaha Railroad in the engineering department, with which he was connected for two years. On the expiration of that period he entered the employ of A. J. Edminster in the capacity of clerk in his general store and so served until he was admitted to partnership, his business advancement coming to him in recognition of his merit, capability and faithfulness. The firm of A. J. Edminster & Company own and control stores at Holcombe and Cornell and the business is enjoying a substantial growth.

Mr. Cleaves was united in marriage, at Packwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 5th of June, 1907, to Miss Frances Kendall, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kendall, residents of Packwaukee, where the father is well known as a capitalist. Mr. and Mrs. Cleaves now have one child, a daughter, Geraldine.

Mr. Cleaves is a chapter Mason, loyal to the teachings of the craft, and he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he firmly adheres to its principles, yet he does not seek nor desire public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, in which connection he is making progress, having already gained for himself a place among the enterprising young business men of the county.

GEORGE ALDWORTH.

George Aldworth owns and operates a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 12, Wheaton township, and since 1872 has been closely connected with agricultural interests of Chippewa county. He was born in Platte county, Missouri, and is a son of William and Susan (Harris) Aldworth, both of whom have passed away, the father dying in 1891 and the mother in 1883. They are buried in Huron county, Ontario, Canada.

George Aldworth was still a child when his parents moved to Huron county and he there acquired his education. He laid aside his books at the age of sixteen years and thereafter worked in the lumber woods of Ontario and Michigan for about twenty-seven years. At the end of that time he moved to Chippewa county and here turned his attention to farming, buying the property which he now operates. Upon this he has made substantial improvements, erecting a comfortable residence, good barns and outbuildings, and installing the necessary machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. He specializes in the raising of grain and because he has always followed practical methods has met with gratifying success, standing today in the front ranks of progressive agriculturists of this vicinity.

Mr. Aldworth married, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on November 15, 1881, Miss Mary E. Stone, a daughter of David and Sarah (Gunningham) Stone, the former a veteran of the Civil war. Both have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Aldworth have four children: David D. and Fred S., who are assisting their father; R.

Earl, a motorman on the Chippewa Valley Electric Railway, Light & Power Company; and Gertrude, who lives at home.

Mr. Aldworth is a republican in his political beliefs and interested in public affairs, although not active as an office seeker. He is a progressive business man, a practical farmer and a loyal citizen and throughout the period of his residence here has gained a high place in the respect and esteem of his neighbors and friends.

H. L. TINKER.

H. L. Tinker has been agent for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway at Holcombe since April, 1906, coming at that date to Chippewa county. He was born at Westfield, Massachusetts, on the 20th of November, 1875, and is a son of Edwin P. and Isabelle (Osborn) Tinker. The family is of English lineage, but representatives of the name have lived in America since the Mayflower brought passengers to the new world in the early Colonial period. The father was a bookkeeper, which profession he followed in various places in Massachusetts. He died in 1895, having for about fifteen years survived his wife, who passed away in April, 1880, their remains being interred in the cemetery at Westfield, Massachusetts.

Spending his youthful days in the state of his nativity, H. L. Tinker, pursued his education in the schools of Huntington, Holyoke and Springfield, Massachusetts, and later attended the Mt. Hermon Academy, in which he remained a student until eighteen years of age. He then entered the employ of the Springfield National Bank in the capacity of bookkeeper and occupied that position for three years; but the opportunities of the middle west attracted him and in 1897 he made his way to River Falls, Wisconsin, where he became an employe of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad in the capacity of telegraph operator. He occupied that position until after the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, when he offered his services to the government, enlisting at Hudson, Wisconsin, as a member of Company C, Third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He served with that command throughout the campaign in Porto Rico, and after the war returned to Wisconsin in 1899 and reentered the employ of the railway company, occupying the position of agent in various places in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. He eventually came to Chippewa county in 1906 and has since been agent at Holcombe. He has met with a substantial measure of success as the years have gone by, and the visible evidence of his prosperity is his real-estate holdings, which include his own residence, two other houses, and still other property in Holcombe and different places. His judgment is sound in matters of business and is shown by his judicious investments.

On the 14th of June, 1900, Mr. Tinker was united in marriage at River Falls to Miss Mary A. Deans, a daughter of J. T. and Mary (Freeman) Deans, who were among the pioneer settlers of Pierce county, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Tinker now have two children William L., who is attending the Holcombe school; and Lola L., who is also pursuing her education. Fraternally Mr. Tinker is a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

In politics he is a republican and for one year has served as town clerk of Holcombe. He always keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is interested in any measure or movement that tends to benefit and promote the substantial interests of the community in which he lives.

ARTHUR FORD.

Arthur Ford, who has resided in Chippewa county for more than a half century and is therefore one of its pioneer settlers, has won success in the pursuits of farming and dairying and now lives upon and owns a tract of eighty acres on section 19, Anson township. His birth occurred at Cheddar, Somersetshire, England, on the 30th of August, 1843, his parents being Thomas and Maria Ford, who emigrated to the United States and settled in Rochester, New York, in 1846. The father, who followed farming and gardening throughout his active business career, there passed away in 1903, when eighty years of age. Both he and his wife, who preceded him in death, lie buried in the Hooker cemetery near Rochester, New York.

Arthur Ford attended school in Rochester until eighteen years of age and then made his way to Ganes Station, Michigan, where he was employed in a stave factory for six months. In May, 1862, he came to Anson township, Chippewa county, Wisconsin, and was here employed in a sawmill for eight years. On the expiration of that period he purchased three hundred acres of land, only eight acres of which had been broken. By dint of untiring industry and perseverance he eventually prepared one hundred and sixty acres of the land for cultivation and continued farming thereon for twenty-four years. At the end of that time he bought an improved farm of eighty acres on section 19, Anson township, where he has remained continuously since, following mixed farming and dairying with good success. He has made a number of substantial improvements on the property and his place presents a most pleasing appearance. Mr. Ford found only a few farmers at the time of his arrival here, but there were plenty of Indians. During the half century which has since come and gone he has witnessed many changes as pioneer conditions have given way before the onward march of civilization.

On the 2d of November, 1864, at Chippewa Falls, Mr. Ford was united in marriage to Miss Susan Hamilton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamilton, both of whom died of cholera in Chicago. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ford are seven in number, namely: Thomas A., who is a resident of Tilden; Albert, an agriculturist of this county; George, a farmer residing at Clare, Michigan; Olive, who is the wife of Fred Brooks, of North Yakima, Washington; Edward, a farmer for the sugar beet factory; Martha J., the wife of Benjamin Tidlen, of Davenport, Washington; and Mary, who gave her hand in marriage to Edward Olson and resides in the Ford home.

Mr. Ford has always exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has ever been a most public-spirited and progressive citizen. He has served in the capacity of supervisor and school officer for many years and in 1873, 1874 and 1875 acted as town treasurer, Anson

township being at that time nearly as large as the entire county of Chippewa is now. He has likewise served as sheriff of the county for two years and now acts as chairman of the town board, having held the latter position for several terms. His record as a public official has ever been characterized by ability and fidelity and is most commendable. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and he was formerly identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and his wife are widely and favorably known throughout the county, having gained many friends during the long period of their residence here.

GEORGE F. SOWLE.

George F. Sowle, successfully engaged in business as a general merchant of Cornell, has also served as postmaster of the town since January, 1908, and in this connection has made a creditable and commendable record. The period of his residence in Chippewa county covers nine years, the date of his arrival being February 17, 1904.

His birth occurred at Sparta, Monroe county, Wisconsin, on the 3d of January, 1861, his parents being D. W. and Helen M. (Van Alsteine) Sowle. The family is of British origin and its first representatives in this country were passengers on the Mayflower. D. W. Sowle, an agriculturist by occupation, also operated a sawmill in Monroe county for twenty years. He was likewise an active factor in public life, serving as chairman of the county board and trustee of the courthouse building committee of Monroe county. At the present time he makes his home with our subject. His wife passed away on the 8th of February, 1913, and was buried at Warrens, Wisconsin.

George F. Sowle acquired his education in the public schools of his native county, leaving high school at the age of nineteen. He then secured a position as station agent and was employed in that capacity in various parts of Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin for a period of thirty-one years, being at the end of that time pensioned by the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road. No higher testimonial of his efficient and faithful service could be given. He is now actively engaged in the general mercantile business, conducting a store at Cornell, where he has built up a gratifying and profitable trade. His store and home, which he erected, was the first structure built in Cornell.

On the 24th of May, 1899, at New Richmond, Wisconsin, Mr. Sowle was united in marriage to Miss Anna Roberts, a daughter of Griffith and Elizabeth Roberts. The father, a pioneer farmer of St. Croix county, passed away on the 26th of January, 1903, while the mother was called to her final rest on the 16th of November, 1912. Both were interred in the cemetery at Boardman, Wisconsin. The Roberts family is of British origin. Mr. and Mrs. Sowle have four children, namely: Griffith R. and Clarence F., who are attending school; Walter H., who is the first child born in Cornell; and George N.

In his political views Mr. Sowle is independent and when exercising his right of franchise considers the capability and fitness of a candidate rather than his party affiliation. In January, 1908, he was appointed postmaster of Cornell

and has ably served in that capacity to the present time. He is the possessor of many good qualities that have attracted friends and by his straightforward course through life he has gained and retained the confidence and respect of those with whom he is associated.

TRACY M. CARY.

Tracy M. Cary became connected with the First National Bank of Chippewa Falls in 1873 and since that time has risen steadily, advancing through department after department until today he occupies a position of distinctive precedence in financial circles of the city as cashier of the institution, in which he is also a stockholder and director. He was born in Binghamton, New York, January 17, 1854, and is a son of Oliver A. and Sarah M. (Newell) Cary, the former of whom was for many years a merchant of that city and, from 1872, of Corning, New York. He is now engaged in the insurance business at Corning and has reached the age of eighty-six years. His wife passed away in 1857 and is buried in the Binghamton cemetery. The Cary family is of ancient English origin, the record dating back to Adam de Kari, who lived in Great Britain in 1170. Mr. Cary of this review is a direct descendant in the twenty-second generation of Adam de Kari, of Castle Kari, Somerset, England, and possesses the coat of arms of the English Carys, used by all the American representatives of this family. The line was founded in the United States by John Cary, who joined the Plymouth colony in 1634 in the time of Miles Standish. He later settled in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and there became very prominent in public affairs, serving as the first town clerk until his death in 1681. In the year 1656 he acted as the only town official, serving as constable, and tradition says that he was the first teacher of Latin in the Plymouth colony.

Tracy M. Cary acquired his education in the public schools of Binghamton, leaving the high school when he was seventeen years of age. He then entered the employ of the City National Bank, remaining for two years. At the end of that time he moved to Chippewa Falls and upon the opening of the First National Bank in October, 1873, became connected with the institution as clerk. His ability gained him advancement and he rose steadily in the regard and confidence of his employers until he was finally made cashier of the institution. He also holds stock in the bank and is a member of the board of directors and a helpful factor in determining the policy of the institution and promoting its growth along practical lines. The First National Bank of Chippewa Falls is one of the oldest and most reliable institutions of its kind in Chippewa county. The original charter was issued May 1, 1873, for a twenty year period and this was renewed May 1, 1893. Upon the expiration of the second charter in 1913 it was again renewed for a twenty year period, the last charter to expire May 1, 1933. During the past forty years the First National Bank has had an interesting history. It was organized in pioneer times, in the palmy days of the Union Lumbering Company, and was opened for business in October, 1873. Thomas L. Halbert was president; H. S. Allen, vice president; V. W. Bayless, cashier; and T. M. Cary, bookkeeper. L. M. Newman was made



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cashier in 1876 and S. M. Newton was the second president, succeeded by the late A. K. Fletcher, upon whose demise L. C. Stanley was elected to the office. His successor was F. Weyerhaeuser, who was followed by the present president, August Mason. The late J. B. Kehl followed H. S. Allen as vice president and B. D. Viles succeeded the latter and is now serving. L. M. Newman is now acting as second vice president, T. M. Cary is cashier and L. A. Marshall, assistant cashier. The bank is a designated depository of the United States postal funds, state and city funds, and it is one of the most sound and reliable financial institutions in the city, notable for the share it has taken in developing business interests and industries here. The bank is in the hands of some of the most able and conservative capitalists of this part of the state and has a wide reputation for fair dealing and conservative policies.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 26th of September, 1877, Mr. Cary was united in marriage to Mary G. Cruttenden, a daughter of Hopestill Cruttenden, who was for many years a farmer at Morris, New York, and whose first American ancestor came from England to Connecticut in 1639. He and his wife have passed away, the former being buried in Morris and the latter in Forest Hill cemetery, Chippewa Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Cary became the parents of three children. Clara M. died in 1905, at the age of twenty-six, and is buried in the Forest Hill cemetery. Walter E. is an accountant in the First National Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He married Miss Bertha Schneider, of Milwaukee, and they have two children, Alice G. and Robert N. Evan F. is a student in the Chippewa Falls high school. The family residence is at No. 215 West Spruce street and is an attractive dwelling, which Mr. Cary remodeled.

Mr. Cary has been a notary public from 1886 and since 1893 treasurer of the Chippewa Falls Forest Hill cemetery and has done very useful and able work in this capacity. He is well known in church circles, being senior warden of Christ Episcopal church, and has represented the diocese of Milwaukee as deputy to six triennial conventions, namely those held at Minneapolis, Minnesota; Washington, D. C.; San Francisco, California; Boston, Massachusetts; Richmond, Virginia; and Cincinnati, Ohio. He is also a delegate-elect for the next convention, to be held in New York city. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and, while he has never sought public office, he served for three terms on the board of aldermen, acting as chairman of the finance committee. For forty years he has been a resident of Chippewa Falls and during that time has witnessed practically the entire development of the city, never neglecting any opportunity to advance its interests or promote its growth.

FREEMAN V. SIDDONS.

Freeman V. Siddons, the owner of one hundred and eighty acres of land in Anson township, embracing fifty acres on section 14 and one hundred and thirty acres on section 15, follows diversified farming, stock-raising and dairying with excellent success. His birth occurred in Aurora, Ontario, Canada, on the 26th of April, 1865, his parents being S. B. and Hannah (Playtor) Siddons. A sketch of the father appears on another page of this work.

Freeman V. Siddons attended school in Troy, Iowa, until sixteen years of age and throughout the following six years assisted his father in the work of the fields. When a young man of twenty-two he made his way to Lincoln county, Nebraska, and was there engaged in farming on his own account for a period of four years, returning to Iowa in 1892. He then cultivated rented land in that state until 1897, when he came to Wisconsin, here also operating a rented farm for two years. On the expiration of that period he came to Chippewa county and took charge of the farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Anson township which he now owns and operates, acquiring eighty acres thereof by purchase and receiving one hundred acres from his father. The residence and other buildings on the property were erected by him, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates the careful supervision of a practical and progressive owner. He follows the pursuits of farming, stock-raising and dairying and has met with success in these undertakings, being now numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of his community.

On the 22d of January, 1890, in Troy, Iowa, Mr. Siddons was united in marriage to Miss Axie Conner, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Akers) Conner. The father, a blacksmith by trade, passed away in 1906 and lies buried in a cemetery at Troy, Iowa, in which town the mother still makes her home. The family is of old Irish origin. Mr. and Mrs. Siddons have six children, as follows: Cleo, who assists his father; Harold, at home; Vance, Lloyd and Samuel, all of whom assist the father in the operation of the home farm; and Mabel, who is attending school.

Mr. Siddons gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge No. 146 at Chippewa Falls. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His support is given to all progressive measures and his aid can always be counted upon to further those interests which are of genuine worth to the community.

EDWARD FALBE.

Edward Falbe, one of the most prosperous and enterprising residents of Holcombe, acquired property here when the district was still but a wilderness and today owns twenty-two forty-acre tracts, clearing and farming an extensive tract near the village. He likewise conducts a hotel and livery business in Holcombe and has been identified with railroad construction work as a contractor since 1901, spending most of his time with a construction gang. Success has attended his various undertakings, for he is a man of excellent executive ability and sound judgment.

His birth occurred in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, on the 16th of October, 1871, his parents being Henry and Minnie (Ponto) Falbe, natives of West Prussia, Germany. In 1864 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling in Ripon, Wisconsin. The father was in limited financial circumstances and accepted any employment that he could get. Subsequently he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, successfully carrying on farming until

he had accumulated a competency. He is now living retired at Princeton, Wisconsin, with his wife, the worthy couple being more than eighty years of age.

Edward Falbe went to work as a farm hand when but fourteen years of age and when a young man of nineteen removed to Princeton, where he embarked in the ice and draying business. He afterward spent three years as a cook in logging and railroad camps and subsequently took up railroad construction work, having been engaged in contracting to the present time. In 1902 he assisted in building the road through Chippewa county and, foreseeing the rapid growth and development of the district, purchased property and located in Holcombe township when there was not a house in sight and all the land was covered with timber and brush. Today he owns twenty-two forty-acre tracts and is clearing and farming an extensive tract near the village of Holcombe. He also conducts a hotel and livery business in Holcombe but spends part of his time with a construction gang in railroad work, having his own outfit and having been a contractor along that line for the past twelve years. His connection with any undertaking insures a prosperous outcome of the same, for it is in his nature to carry forward to successful completion whatever he is associated with. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution, gaining and maintaining an enviable reputation as one of the substantial and influential citizens of Holcombe.

In Green Lake county, Wisconsin, Mr. Falbe was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Manthey, a native of that county, by whom he had seven children, five of whom are still living, namely: Irvin, Lester, Agnes, Lillie and Edward.

PETER MICHAELS.

Since 1883 Peter Michaels has owned and operated a fine farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres on sections 12 and 13, Howard township, and by his practical methods and untiring industry has surrounded himself with an enviable degree of prosperity. He was born in Germany in February, 1851, and is a son of John and Anna M. (Smith) Michaels, both of whom have passed away, the father dying in 1885 and the mother in 1887. They never came to America and are buried in Germany.

Peter Michaels acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and at the age of thirteen laid aside his books. He then began assisting his father with the work of the homestead and so continued until 1883, when he came to America. He was at that time a progressive and practical farmer, for he had learned the best agricultural methods by personal experience upon his father's farm. Upon arriving in Chippewa county, he at once turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, buying one hundred and thirty-five acres of land on sections 12 and 13, Howard township. Upon this he has since resided, steadily carrying forward the work of improvement and development, erecting a fine residence and good farm buildings and neglecting nothing which would add to the appearance or value of the place. He has about ninety acres under cultivation, specializing in the raising of grain, and his interests, being all carefully and practically conducted, have brought him a large measure of success.

In Germany, in 1874, Mr. Michaels married Miss Maria Ochman, a daughter of Joseph and Eva (Glasman) Ochman, who have passed away and are buried in their native country. Mr. and Mrs. Michaels have four children: Mary, of Chippewa Falls; Caroline, the wife of John Bobley, who is engaged in farming in Chippewa county; Nick, assisting his father; and Joseph, at home.

Mr. Michaels is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is a democrat in his political beliefs. He has lived in Chippewa county on his present farm for thirty years and each year has witnessed his increasing prosperity. His success is well deserved, for he is a man of upright character and honorable principles, commanding and holding the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and friends.

N. H. DEUEL.

One of the most forceful factors in progress and advancement and the founder of Arnold, Wisconsin, N. H. Deuel has done much along various lines to bring about the prosperous conditions which now prevail in that locality. An able, shrewd and farsighted business man and a successful merchant, he has been a resident of Chippewa county for thirty years. Moreover, Mr. Deuel in his earlier years was prominent in the milling business and has achieved success along that line. He also conducts a profitable hotel, owns valuable farm lands, beside village lots, and is the owner of the Deuel telephone line, also known as the Arnold line, which operates one hundred and seventeen miles of telephone connections. In addition to all this, Mr. Deuel has held several public positions, the duties of which he discharged with conspicuous ability.

N. H. Deuel was born in La Crescent, Houston county, Minnesota, opposite La Crosse, Wisconsin, April 10, 1867. His father was C. C. Deuel, a native of New York state, who in the early '40s went to La Crosse and became an engineer on the Mississippi river boats. On May 30, 1883, he removed with his family to Chippewa Falls, where he built and operated a sawmill five miles north of Cadott, in this county. On that property he died in 1887. He was married to Emma Sophia Willard, a native of Illinois, who now makes her home at Shell Lake, Wisconsin. In their family were three children: George W., a journalist of Chippewa Falls; Lucy M., the wife of Judge Bugby, of Washburn county, Wisconsin; and N. H., our subject.

N. H. Deuel received a common school education, attending until sixteen years of age, at which period of his life he came to Chippewa county. He took up employment in his father's mill, becoming a millwright and learning all of the details connected with running a sawmill. After his father's death he continued operating the mill for a while, and for four years also ran a mill on Little Jump. While there he was seriously injured by a log rolling on him, which accident made it impossible for him to continue in this calling. In 1904 he came to his present location, which was then known as Sillhawn, being named from the firm of Sill & Hawn, who operated a mill at Ruby. The location which Mr. Deuel selected is on the Hannibal branch of the Omaha branch of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. Here he established a store and postoffice

in 1905 and the name given to the place was Arnold, being the name of Mr. Deuel's eldest son and was one of three offered to the postoffice department when a request was made for a name to be given to the postoffice. Mr. Deuel has been very successful in conducting his store, which is modernly equipped and where he carries a complete and reliable line of goods, including practically everything which his trade might demand. He also successfully operates a hotel and owns forty acres of valuable land, beside a number of village lots. In partnership with others Mr. Deuel also built a sawmill, later purchasing the interests of his partners, but he has not operated this enterprise for the last three years. He is proprietor of what is known as the Deuel or Arnold telephone line, connecting Holcombe, Arnold, Sheldon, Donald, Ruby, Hannibal, Stanley, Colburn and Huron. They operate one hundred and seventeen miles of line and have long-distance connection at Stanley. This now extensive system had its beginning when Mr. Deuel constructed a line from Arnold to Holcombe for his own use. Other parties asked to be connected and thus gradually the system has grown to what it is today.

Mr. Deuel was united in marriage to Miss Martha Stassel, a native of Germany and a daughter of Gottlieb Stassel, who emigrated from that country in 1891. The father has since passed away but the mother still makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Deuel. The latter have seven children: Arnold, Ella, Walter, Curtis, Orville, Norman and Gordon.

Public-spirited and progressive, Mr. Deuel has ever taken a deep interest in the advancement of his locality and forcefully endorses all worthy public enterprises. He at present serves as treasurer of his township and has held the same office in relation to the school board ever since the township was organized. Deeply interested in the cause of education, he has done much toward promoting facilities for that purpose. Mr. Deuel has, through his extensive connections with various enterprises, perhaps done more than any other man in furthering the interests of his locality, and his life record not only furnishes an example of individual attainment through worthy methods but sets up a standard for the younger generation of true and public-spirited citizenship. Mr. Deuel enjoys in full measure the respect and esteem of his friends and neighbors, who regard him highly on account of his achievements and even more so because of the high qualities of character which have made possible his success.

JOHN C. McRAE.

John C. McRae, a blacksmith of Chippewa Falls, has conducted a shop on West Grand avenue for more than a quarter of a century and has built up the largest horseshoeing business in the city. He came to Chippewa county in 1877, and the period of his residence here therefore covers thirty-six years. His birth occurred in Glengarry county, Ontario, Canada, on the 10th of June, 1854, his parents being Christopher and Annie (Chisholm) McRae. The father, a storekeeper and lumber logger, passed away in 1864, being for many years

survived by the mother, who was called to her final rest in 1911. Both are buried in St. Andrews, Ontario.

John C. McRae obtained his education in his native county, attending school when opportunity offered until twenty-two years of age. As above stated, he then came to Chippewa Falls in 1877 and here began learning the blacksmith's trade, which he followed as a journeyman until he embarked in business on his own account in 1885. Success has attended his efforts from that time to the present and he now enjoys the distinction of carrying on the largest horseshoeing business in the city. He owns much property in Seattle, Washington, and is widely recognized as a prosperous and representative citizen of his community.

In December, 1881, at Menomonie, Wisconsin, Mr. McRae was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Calder, her father being a pioneer blacksmith. Her parents are still living and reside in Seattle, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. McRae have two children, namely: Florence, who is the wife of James Healy, a confectioner of Chippewa Falls; and William, an agriculturist of Chippewa county. The family residence at No. 510 High street was erected by our subject.

In his political views Mr. McRae is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He is a devout communicant of the Catholic church and also belongs to the Knights of Wisconsin. A prosperous business man, an exemplary citizen and a man of high moral standards, he enjoys the respect of all who have come in contact with him. He has become widely and favorably known during the long period of his residence in Chippewa Falls, the circle of his friends being almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

ERNEST C. RHEINGANS.

Ernest C. Rheingans, one of the worthy native sons and enterprising agriculturists of Chippewa county, is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and eighty acres on sections 24, 30 and 35, Tilden township. His birth occurred on the old homestead, where he still resides, on the 18th of April, 1880, his parents being Phillip and Mary E. (Kehrine) Rheingans. The father emigrated to the United States in 1850 and, making his way direct to Chippewa county, Wisconsin, settled first in Eagle Point township but later bought the property which is now in possession of our subject. The tract was covered with heavy timber, and the Indians still roamed through this part of the country. By dint of hard labor and undaunted perseverance Mr. Rheingans succeeded in clearing his land and began its cultivation. As the years passed he prospered in his undertakings as an agriculturist and at the time of his demise owned a splendidly improved and valuable farm of three hundred acres as well as other properties. He passed away in 1900, at the age of sixty-five years, and is buried in the Forest Hill cemetery. He had been a resident of this county for a half century and his labors were a factor in its development and upbuilding. He took a deep and helpful interest in all matters that affected the general welfare and was a very popular man, enjoying the regard and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He is still survived by his widow and nine children, who cherish

and revere his memory, for he was ever a most devoted and loving husband and father.

The record of the children is as follows: Frank P., a railroad engineer residing in Rochester, New York; John H., a Presbyterian minister of Elkton, Michigan; Mary K., who is a nurse in the Cook County Hospital; Anna, who died in 1897 and is buried in the Forest Hill cemetery; Edward, who follows farming and is also engaged in the real-estate business at Ladysmith, Wisconsin; Nettie S., living in Chippewa Falls; Walter H., an agriculturist by occupation; Minnie C., a nurse in the Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago; and Ernest C., of this review.

The last named obtained his early education in Chippewa Falls and subsequently pursued a course of study in the agricultural college at Madison. In the meantime he had assisted his father in the work of the home farm and after returning from college took charge of the place, having since devoted his attention to its operation. He is now pursuing the diversified method of agriculture and is planning to make his place a stock farm for cattle, hogs and Percheron horses.

On the 7th of June, 1905, at Baraboo, Wisconsin, Mr. Rheingans was united in marriage to Miss Harriett E. Cline, a daughter of W. H. Cline, who is a decorator of Baraboo. Mrs. Rheingans was graduated from the Baraboo high school with the class of 1898 and for two years taught in the kindergarten department of the schools of that city and later for two years in the State Institute for Feeble Minded. By her marriage she has become the mother of two sons, William and Robert.

Mr. Rheingans is a republican in politics and at present serves in the capacity of road commissioner. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. In the community where his entire life has been spent he enjoys an enviable reputation as a substantial young agriculturist and a citizen of worth and enterprise.

ANDREW BENISH.

Andrew Benish, owning a farm of one hundred and eighty acres on section 15, Howard township, a property upon which he has resided since 1882, was born in Germany in 1856 and is a son of Frank and Kaby Benish, who lived and died in their native country. Andrew Benish acquired his education in the public schools of Germany and after laying aside his books at the age of twelve, hired out as a farm laborer for about fourteen years. At the end of that time he emigrated to America and, settling in Chippewa county, began farming independently, acquiring one hundred and eighty acres on section 15, Howard township, upon which he has since resided. He specializes in the raising of grain and during the thirty-one years he has lived upon this property has steadily adhered to progressive and practical methods, meeting with gratifying and well-deserved success.

In Bloomer, this state, Mr. Benish was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Sokup, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sokup, residents of that city. Mr.

and Mrs. Benish have become the parents of four children, Mamie, Joseph, Mary and John, all of whom reside at home.

Mr. Benish is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is a republican in his political beliefs. While his life has been quietly passed, the record of it nevertheless contains lessons of value, for it shows what may be accomplished by determination and honorable dealing. He now occupies a position among the prosperous farmers of Chippewa county and the most envious cannot grudge him his success, so worthily has it been won.

W. J. SMETANA.

W. J. Smetana, who conducts the only harness store in Bloomer, is a young man of thirty years, who believes in hard work and is winning success through his diligence and unfaltering determination. He was born in Bohemia, in 1883. In the schools of his native land he pursued his education and afterward began learning the harness trade, gaining a good knowledge of the business during his residence in his native country. The reports which he heard concerning the opportunities of the new world attracted him and with the hope of more readily winning success on this side the Atlantic, he came to the United States in 1903, when twenty years of age. He did not pause on the Atlantic coast but made his way direct to Bloomer, where he was employed for four years in the harness shop which he now owns. At the expiration of that period he bought out his employer and has since conducted the business, which has been a growing one. He handles a full line of harness and saddlery and does all kinds of repairing, his practical knowledge of the trade enabling him to promptly execute all orders and meet all requirements.

Mr. Smetana was married in 1911 to Miss Agnes Smetana. They have one child, Julia. In politics Mr. Smetana is a democrat. He always votes with the party and is well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He holds membership with the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, and is a communicant of the Catholic church. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for he has here found the opportunities which he sought and in their utilization has worked his way steadily upward, having already gained a substantial measure of success that promises well for the future.

JAY E. POZNANSKI.

Chippewa Falls numbers among its progressive native sons and among the most enterprising and active of the younger generation of its business men Jay E. Poznanski, who since the incorporation of the Northwood Furniture Company in 1910 has done farsighted and able work as its secretary, treasurer and general manager. He was born in this city December 7, 1885, and is a son of Edward and Leah (Pozner) Poznanski, the former of Polish origin. The father came to Chippewa county in 1867. He became one of the prominent dry-goods merchants



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in Chippewa Falls, retaining his connection with this line of business until his death, which occurred in 1898, when he was fifty-six years of age. His wife survived him only a short time, dying in 1900, at the age of fifty. Both are buried in the Greenwood cemetery in Milwaukee.

Jay E. Poznanski acquired his primary education at St. Johns Military Academy, Delafield, Wisconsin, and afterward was a student in Phillips Exeter Academy at Exeter, New Hampshire. He completed his education by a course in Yale University, which he left at the age of twenty-two years. Afterward he went to Nevada and spent one year in the zinc mines of Las Vegas, returning at the end of that time to Chippewa Falls and assisting in the formation of the Northwood Furniture Company. This concern has a large factory on Wagner street and since its formation Mr. Poznanski has acted as secretary, treasurer and general manager. His executive ability, energy and organizing power have been called forth and have been helpful factors in the development which has brought the enterprise from a concern employing forty men to one which offers continuous work to ninety.

In Hot Springs, Arkansas, April 14, 1909, Mr. Poznanski was united in marriage to Miss Louise Richards, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Richards, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Poznanski have become the parents of two children, Louise A. and Jay E., Jr. Mr. Poznanski is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is interested in the affairs of the local lodge. Although still a young man, he has already demonstrated his possession of those qualities necessary for business success and his future will undoubtedly be marked by continuous and rapid advancement.

JOSEPH HURT.

Joseph Hurt, engaging in diversified farming upon five hundred and twenty-eight acres of land on section 6, Tilden township, is ranked among the progressive agriculturists and successful stock-raisers of his locality, where his individual prosperity has been accounted for many years an important factor in general development. He was born in Oxburg, Austria, January 15, 1871, and is a son of Frank and Theresa (Zweifelhofer) Hurt, the former of whom passed away when the subject of this review was still a child and is buried in Germany. His wife survives him and makes her home with her son, being now seventy-three years of age.

Joseph Hurt was only two years of age when he was brought to Chippewa county by his mother, and in the public schools of Tilden township he acquired his education, laying aside his books at the early age of thirteen. He afterward assisted with the work of his mother's farm and at the end of eight years bought one hundred and sixty acres of the homestead. Upon this property he has resided since that time, adding to his holdings at intervals until he is today the owner of five hundred and twenty-eight acres of valuable land. He engages in mixed farming, keeping eighteen head of cattle, twelve hogs and seven horses, and his interests are all carefully and progressively conducted, bringing him a gratifying and well deserved success.

On the 10th of January, 1893, in Tilden, Mr. Hurt was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Drexler, a daughter of Remegius and Anne (Schinko) Drexler, residents of Chippewa Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Hurt have become the parents of nine children: Anne, the wife of Conrad Geotel, a farmer of Chippewa county; Mary; Joe; Frank; Theresa; John; Philip; Leo; and Herbert.

Mr. Hurt is a member of the St. Peter's Roman Catholic church of Tilden and is a democrat in his political views, taking an active interest in the welfare of the section in which he has so long resided but never seeking public office. He has gained an enviable reputation as a man of high integrity and straightforward dealing and his success is a reward of many years of well directed and untiring labor.

E. C. DETTLOFF.

E. C. Dettloff, proprietor of the only drug store in Bloomer, is a native of the city, born in 1870, a son of Charles and Lena (Albrecht) Dettloff. The father was a native of Germany and came to the United States when he was ten years of age, locating first in New York and moving to Wisconsin when he was still a boy. He operated the first hotel in Chippewa county but later sold this enterprise and turned his attention to farming, continuing in this occupation until his death, which occurred in 1900 when he was sixty-three years of age. His wife survives him. They became the parents of three children: H. M., Otto and E. C., of this review.

E. C. Dettloff acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and later took a course in pharmacy at Colby, graduating in 1897. In the same year he opened his drug store in Bloomer and has since met with splendid success as a result of his energy and ability in carrying forward his interests. He carries a complete line of drugs, stationery, paints, oils, smokers' supplies and sundries and is in control of a large and growing patronage.

Mr. Dettloff married Miss Gertrude Foster, also a native of this county, and they have two children: Edward, aged six; and Clelland, aged five. Mr. Dettloff is a democrat in his political beliefs and although he is not an active office seeker, is interested in the growth and progress of his native county and always ready to do his part in promoting its advancement. He is held in high esteem by all who know him and has an extensive circle of friends.

THOMAS BRESINA.

Not only is Thomas Bresina one of the most substantial agriculturists of Tilden township, Chippewa county, but he also operates a blacksmith shop, and a sawmill and conducts a saloon, deriving gratifying financial returns from his various undertakings. His farm of two hundred and three acres is located on section 13, Tilden township, and there he has erected a building which would do credit to any city and which he uses for carrying on his various business

enterprises. Thomas Bresina is a native of Chippewa county and Tilden township, having been born on February 24, 1880, a son of Wenzel and Theresa (Prueher) Bresina. The father engaged in farming and blacksmithing and came to this country about 1850. He died in 1911, at the age of seventy-four, and is buried in the Tilden cemetery. He was one of the substantial men of the locality and was very popular with all who knew him.

Thomas Bresina received his education in St. Peter's Catholic school at Tilden, which he left at the age of fourteen years. He then assisted his father with the work of the farm, becoming acquainted with agricultural methods, and later learned from him the blacksmith's trade, which business he still follows. He also has made a decided success in the cultivation of his land and in conjunction with these two enterprises carries on sawmilling and conducts a saloon. As the years have passed prosperity has come to him and he is considered one of the substantial men of Tilden township.

On April 15, 1902, in Bloomer, Wisconsin, Mr. Bresina was united in marriage to Miss Mary Zwiefelhofer, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zwiefelhofer, the former of whom is a pioneer of this district and both of whom are now residing at Auburn, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Bresina had six children: Frederick, who died in infancy; and Ida, Bernard, Martha, Bertha and Joseph.

Mr. Bresina gives his allegiance to the democratic party, the principles of which he considers the most conducive to good government. He and his family are members of St. Peter's Catholic church at Tilden and he is a member of the Catholic Knights. A progressive and enterprising man, he takes an active interest in all affairs that pertain to the community, and he himself has set an example of progressive standards by erecting upon his farm a typical city block, in which he carries on all his enterprises. He has made numerous improvements on his property, which through his incessant efforts has greatly increased in value. He is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him and his friends are many.

CHARLES EMMERTON.

Among the well-to-do agriculturists of Howard township and Chippewa county is Charles Emmerton, who owns a productive farm of eighty acres on section 4. His success is the more commendable as it has been achieved entirely through his own efforts. Mr. Emmerton is a native son of Chippewa county, his birth having occurred February 26, 1863. His parents were Thomas and Sarah (Roberts) Emmerton, both natives of England. More extended mention of Thomas Emmerton and his family is made in another part of this work under that heading.

Charles Emmerton received his education in Chippewa county, leaving school at the age of eighteen years. He early began to assist his father in work on the latter's large farm of four hundred acres, gaining valuable knowledge and making himself master of thorough methods of agriculture. He remained upon his father's homestead until 1907, when he began his independent career on the place which he now owns. He engages in mixed farming, planting the soil

to the most suitable grains and keeping five horses and twenty-five head of cattle. His land is in a good state of cultivation and he has erected thereon a handsome residence and other substantial buildings. He has modern ideas and is progressive in his methods, his good judgment and incessant industry being creditably reflected by his valuable property.

In 1901, in Chippewa county, Mr. Emmerton married Miss Rose Prince, a daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Corrigan) Prince, residents of Chippewa county. Mr. and Mrs. Emmerton have four children, Norman, Ernest, Lyle and Leila, all of whom are yet at home. Mr. Emmerton is a member of the SS. Peter and Paul Catholic church of Auburn, Wisconsin, and politically is a prohibitionist. He is interested in all undertakings inaugurated to benefit the community, and, although he has never participated in public life, furnishes an excellent example of true American citizenship and of what American grit and American ambition may accomplish.

JOHN B. BENISH.

John B. Benish, one of the prosperous agriculturists of Tilden township, Chippewa county, is a descendant of one of the first settlers of this region. He now owns a valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 26, town 29, his place being located on rural route No. 7, from Chippewa Falls. A native of this county, he was born on December 23, 1870, a son of Martin and Teresa (Duraney) Benish. The father emigrated from Germany to America in or about 1840 and was one of the first settlers in this part of the state, taking up land which was still entirely in a wild state and covered with bush and developing it into a highly cultivated farm. It is this place on which our subject is now residing. The father died on May 5, 1908, at the age of seventy-four years, and is buried in Mount Calvary cemetery. His widow makes her home with our subject.

John B. Benish attended district school until he was thirteen years of age. He then began his independent career, working in the woods. For fourteen years he ran a lumber camp, eight of which he entirely devoted to this occupation. During the rest of the time he assisted his father to some extent. Later he acquired the old homestead, buying out the other heirs, and has since given his entire time to its improvement. He has built a handsome residence and substantial barns as well as other farm buildings. He engages in mixed farming but is at present contemplating taking up stock breeding. Mr. Benish also owns a threshing machine and in later years has received a gratifying income from operating this outfit. He is also engaged in the selling of farm implements, handling several well known machines, and is deriving gratifying returns from that source.

On May 9th, 1899, at Chippewa Falls, Mr. Benish was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Roehling, a daughter of Peter and Margaret (Kase) Roehling, the former a pioneer agriculturist of Chippewa county, who passed away in October, 1899, and is buried in St. Charles cemetery. His widow still resides

on the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Benish have five children: Mildred, Louise, Clarence and Florence, attending school; and Helen.

In his political affiliations Mr. Benish is republican, giving his stanch support to the measures and candidates of that party. He has taken a lively interest in the general advancement and in matters of political importance and at present serves in the capacity of town supervisor, discharging his duties in a very satisfactory manner. Both he and his wife are members of St. Charles Catholic church of Chippewa Falls, of which they are regular attendants. The success which Mr. Benish has attained is to be attributed to his inherent qualities of industry and good judgment. However, he himself ascribes a good deal of what he has accomplished to the assistance of his able and helpful life companion.

PETER BOWE.

Peter Bowe has resided in Chippewa county since 1866 and during the greater portion of this time has been closely identified with the agricultural interests of Tilden township, where he owns and operates an eighty-acre farm. He was born in Germany, March 9, 1842, and is a son of Peter and Katrina Bowe, both of whom have passed away and are buried in the fatherland.

Peter Bowe acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and at the age of fifteen laid aside his books in order to assist his father with the work of the homestead. He remained in Germany for some time thereafter but finally emigrated to America, where he began working in the mills and woods and on farms in various localities, continuing thus until 1866, when he moved to Chippewa county and turned his attention to farming. He purchased eighty acres on section 7, Tilden township, and upon this property has resided since that time, his careful supervision and practical labors making it productive and valuable.

In Jefferson county, Wisconsin, Mr. Bowe was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Swinde, who died in 1909, leaving eight children, four sons and four daughters. Mr. Bowe is a member of the St. Peter's Roman Catholic church in Tilden and is a democrat in his political beliefs. His life has been such as to give him a high standing in the eyes of the community and he is generally recognized as a man whose long years of earnest labor in this township have not only contributed to his own prosperity but have also been a boon to the community at large.

JOHN BJERKE.

Among the substantial farmers of Chippewa county is John Bjerke, who owns one hundred and twenty acres of land, forty of which have been cleared while the remainder is used for pasture. A native of Norway, he was born four miles north of Christiania, January 24, 1862, and is a son of Ole and Mary (Engelson) Bjerke, both natives of Norway. The father came to the United

States in 1863, settling in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming on rented land. Ten years later he came to Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, finding employment as a lumber jack. Five years later he moved to township 31, range 5, and after working in the woods for a few years purchased one hundred and sixty acres of unbroken land covered with pine timber. There he built a home and lived until his death in 1905. His wife also passed away on the old homestead. In religious faith they were Lutherans. Their family numbered three sons: Gustav Peterson, who now lives on the old homestead and uses the name of Peterson as it was the family name when the parents came to America, the father, however, adopting the Norwegian farm name for himself and his other children; Charles, who also lives on a farm in this township; and John, our subject.

John Bjerke in the acquirement of his education attended the common schools near his father's home and subsequently remained on the homestead until thirty years of age, assisting in its operation and acquiring a good knowledge of agricultural methods. His father then transferred to him forty acres of unbroken land, upon which our subject built his home and where he has since resided, engaged in clearing the property. He has also since acquired title to eighty acres which is used as a pasture.

In Chippewa Falls Mr. Bjerke was married to Miss Bertha Bakke, who was born about fifteen miles north of Christiania, Norway, and came with her parents to America in 1881, when a child. She was reared in Taylor county, Wisconsin. She died July 18, 1904, leaving four children: Ole, who makes his home in Minnesota; and Elmer, Arne and Minda, at home. Mr. Bjerke is a republican and serves at present as township supervisor. He is a member of the Lutheran church. He is respected by all who know him and has many friends in this locality.

CHRIS GANZEL.

Chris Ganzel, a highly respected and valued citizen of Boyd, where since 1897 he has been connected with business interests as the proprietor of a hotel, was born in Outagamie county, Wisconsin, February 28, 1862. He is a son of Chris and Dora (Frick) Ganzel, natives of Germany, the former born in 1831 and the latter in 1827. The father came to Wisconsin in 1857, and engaged first in farming, later becoming the proprietor of a hotel. He died in 1906 and was survived by his wife until 1907. In their family were ten children, six of whom are now living.

Chris Ganzel acquired his education in the district schools of Greenville township, Outagamie county and laid aside his books at the age of sixteen. He afterward worked upon a farm until 1881, when he moved to Boyd, settling in this community in very early times. He engaged in various occupations until 1897, in which year he opened a hotel in the city. This enterprise he has since conducted and under his able management it has become a modern and up-to-date hostelry, drawing its patronage from a discriminating class of people. Mr.

Ganzel is a stockholder in the State Bank of Boyd and in the Boyd Produce Company and is known as a farsighted and progressive business man.

At Chippewa Falls, on the 18th of April, 1888, Mr. Ganzel was united in marriage to Miss Anna Bashford, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Bashford, the former a blacksmith and farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Ganzel became the parents of six children, Ollie, Clyde, Verna, Vergil, Kermit, and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Ganzel is a member of the Lutheran church and is independent in his political beliefs. He is one of the early settlers of Boyd, having made that city his home for the past thirty-two years, and he has witnessed the greater part of its growth and development. His own activities have been an important factor in the work of progress and his success places him today among the substantial and representative men of the community.

GEORGE HARTMAN, JR.

Among the prosperous farmers of Chippewa county is George Hartman, Jr., who owns a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Tilden township. He is a native of this county and was born on the Hartman homestead on April 16, 1867, a son of George Hartman, Sr., and Kate (Rander) Hartman. The father came to Chippewa county from Germany about 1855 and was one of the first settlers here. He is still residing on the old homestead, enjoying in full measure the confidence and good-will of his fellow citizens. He has been prominent in public life, serving as chairman of the township board and also as township treasurer. His wife passed away in 1891 and is buried in the Tilden cemetery. She bore her husband ten children: Joseph, who farms in Howard township; Frank, an agriculturist of Tilden township; George, Jr., our subject; Paul, a farmer of Auburn township; Phillip, an implement dealer of Chippewa Falls; David, residing in Oregon; Godfried, who lives on the old homestead; John, who is connected with the hardware business; Edward, engaged in the creamery business; and Mary, who married Joseph Garner, of Chippewa Falls.

George Hartman, Jr., acquired his education in the Tilden township district school and the parochial school, laying aside his text-books at the age of fourteen years. He then began to assist his father with the work of the homestead and continued there until twenty-four years of age, acquiring knowledge of valuable agricultural methods. At the end of that period he rented land for a few years and then bought his present holding of one hundred and sixty acres. He has brought his farm to a high state of cultivation, carrying on mixed farming and raising various kinds of live stock. Mr. Hartman has erected a handsome modern residence upon the land, and every building on the farm bespeaks by its excellent appearance the careful management of the owner. He is modern and progressive in his ideas and the latest farm machinery can be found upon his place.

On the 23d of July, 1895, at Tilden, Mr. Hartman was united in marriage to Miss Lena Miller, a daughter of Valentine Miller, Sr., and Emilie (Geisler) Miller, the former a pioneer farmer of Chippewa county and both residing in Tilden township. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman have two children, a son and a daugh-

ter. The former, George H., assists his father with the work of the farm, while the latter, Elsie, is still attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman are devout communicants of the St. Peters Catholic church of Tilden, in the work of which they take a deep interest. Politically he is a democrat. Although he has never cared to accept public office, he takes a great interest in all matters of general importance and is ever ready to give his support to worthy enterprises intended to benefit the community. He enjoys in full measure the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens and the circle of his friends is large.

A. W. WILMARTH, M. D.

Since 1897 Dr. A. W. Wilmarth has been superintendent of the State Home for the Feeble-Minded at Chippewa Falls and has based his remarkable success in this position upon his excellent general training in medicine and surgery, specialization in nervous and mental disorders and a number of years' practical experience in other institutions similar to the one with which he is now connected. He was born at Taunton, Massachusetts, May 3, 1855, and is a son of John and Peddy W. (Dary) Wilmarth, the former of whom was for some time superintendent of the Oakland Cotton Mill in Oakland, Massachusetts. He died in 1881 and was survived by his wife until 1887. The family is of English origin and its first representative came to America in 1638. Some of the ancestors of the subject of this review fought in the Revolutionary war.

Dr. A. W. Wilmarth acquired his preliminary education in the public and high schools of his native city and afterward entered the Albany Medical College, from which he received the degree of M. D. in 1879. Immediately afterward he took up the general practice of his profession in eastern Massachusetts and at the end of four years and a half became assistant superintendent in the Pennsylvania Home for the Feeble-Minded at Elwyn, Pennsylvania. He remained there for eight years and then went to Norristown, Pennsylvania, where he acted as senior assistant physician at the State Hospital for the Insane until January 11, 1897, when he entered upon his duties as superintendent of the State Home for the Feeble-Minded at Chippewa Falls. His previous experience has aided him greatly in the discharge of his important duties and, combined with his ability and practical views, makes him eminently well qualified for his position. He keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought in his profession and pays particular attention to what is being done in the field of nervous or mental disorders. He is a member of the Philadelphia Neurological Society, the American Association for the Study of the Feeble-Minded, the Philadelphia Pathological Society and the American Medical Association, and his ability is known and recognized in professional circles.

In Easton, Pennsylvania, on the 24th of March, 1891, Dr. Wilmarth was united in marriage to Miss Theodora M. Kolb, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Kolb, the former a real-estate agent in Easton. Dr. and Mrs. Wilmarth have become the parents of a son, Raymond K., who is a student at Princeton University.



DR. A. W. WILMARTH

Dr. Wilmarth is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is well and favorably known in Chippewa Falls, for he has accomplished a great deal of excellent work in the difficult position which he occupies. He holds the high esteem of his brethren of the medical fraternity and the regard and confidence of all with whom he has professional or social relations.

E. L. HAWN.

For many years E. L. Hawn has been prominent in the lumber industry of Chippewa county and in that connection has become the founder of the town of Ruby, named after his only daughter. Mr. Hawn is still engaged along that line and as the years have passed prosperity has been the result of his endeavors. He is a native of Dodge county, this state, and a son of C. A. Hawn, who was born in New York state and in 1848 came west, settling at Neosho, Dodge county. He was a millwright by occupation and engaged in the sawmill business in this state. He operated successfully for a number of years in Pierce county under the firm name of C. A. Hawn & Sons and was prominent in his county, which he represented in the legislature in 1877 and in 1878. After retiring from active business life he made his home in Chippewa county, where he died about three years ago. His father was Adam Hawn, a soldier of the War of 1812, and assisted in building Perry's fleet on Lake Erie. He first went to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, in 1836 but subsequently returned to New York, coming again to this state when Wisconsin was admitted to the union in 1848. The mother of our subject was Priscilla Louisa White, born at Enosburg Falls, Vermont. She passed away nineteen years ago at Rock Elm, Wisconsin. She bore her husband four children: J. L., who is engaged in the lumber business and farming at Rock Elm; C. D., who also follows agriculture and sawmilling in that city; E. L., our subject; and Eliza, wife of George Breed, residing at Rock Elm, Wisconsin.

E. L. Hawn received a common-school education and subsequently he and D. J. Thompson organized a select school society, which he attended for three seasons. This was the first summer school organized in this part of Wisconsin. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in business with his father and brothers as C. A. Hawn & Sons. In 1896 he removed to Olivet, Pierce county, Wisconsin, where he operated a sawmill successfully, being well acquainted with all details of the business to which he was practically born and with which he had ever been connected during his youth and young manhood. In 1902 Mr. Hawn came to Chippewa county, buying sixty-five forties of timber land. He then organized the Ruby Lumber Company, of which he became president, this company operating on an extensive scale in the lumbering business until they discontinued activities in 1909. They were capitalized for fifty thousand dollars. At that time this township was nothing but a wilderness and not one rod of road had been built. Around their mills they gradually built up quite a settlement which at one time contained as many as forty-five families. They also owned and operated a railway from Ruby to Arnold, which was built in 1902 and discontinued in April, 1913. Mr. Hawn continues alone in the lumber and sawmill business. He has since been instrumental in founding the village of Ruby, which

now contains thirty-six families. There he still owns five forties of timber land, which he is at present clearing in order to devote the tract to agricultural purposes. He has a fine and modern home and prosperity has been the result of his incessant labors.

On December 25, 1884, at Boardman, St. Croix county, Wisconsin, Mr. Hawn was united in marriage to Miss Emma Melcher, a native of Dodge county, this state, and a daughter of Fred Melcher, a very early settler of that county and a carpenter by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Hawn have one daughter, Ruby, for whom the settlement in which they live was named. She was at that time a little girl of but five years but has grown to be an accomplished young lady of seventeen. While in Pierce county, Mr. Hawn was nominated on the prohibition ticket for clerk of the courts, was subsequently indorsed by the republicans and lastly elected by all three parties. He was only twenty-one years of age at the time and served for two years. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Hawn enjoys in large measure the good-will and respect of his neighbors and friends, who admire him for his indomitable courage and incessant industry. These qualities have brought him the financial independence which he now enjoys and his success is therefore highly merited.

CHARLES AMUNDSON.

A well improved farm of eighty acres, located on section 5, Sigel township, has been the home of Charles Amundson since 1893. He is a native of Norway, his birth having there occurred August 6, 1867. He is the second in order of birth in a family of eight children, whose parents are Amun and Bertha (Peter-son) Amundson the former born in Norway, about 1840, and the latter in 1845. The father emigrated to the new world in 1869, locating in Wisconsin, and in 1882 he made his way to Chippewa county, and bought a tract of wild land, which he cleared and developed and on which he erected a log house. This primitive structure continued to serve as the family home for ten years, when Mr. Amundson erected a more modern and comfortable residence. Both still survive and are residents of Sigel township. Their children, eight in number, still survive and are as follows: Mathew, Charles, Albert, Peter, Emma, Otto, Dora and Jennie.

Charles Amundson was reared to the pursuits of farm life, assisting his father on the homestead during the spring and summer months, while in the winter seasons he attended the district schools to his sixteenth year. He was then employed in various ways until 1893, when he purchased his present farm of eighty acres, situated on section 5, Sigel township, and to that he has since given his time and attention, and now has a well developed tract. He erected a modern home in 1903, and he has likewise erected all the outbuildings which are seen on the place. His principal crops are hay, corn, oats and potatoes and he also specializes in dairying.

Mr. Amundson has been married twice. His first union was with Miss Caroline Jurgerson, by whom he had two children, Olga, and one who died in infancy.

The wife and mother passed away in 1904, and on the 15th of December, 1906, Mr. Amundson was married to Mary Johnson, by whom he has three children, Jalmer, Aloh and Hilda.

Mr. Amundson is a republican in his political views and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Lutheran church, while his fraternal relations are with the St. Olaf Lodge, No. 26 I. S. W. A. Both he and his wife have a wide circle of friends who enjoy the hospitality of their pleasant home.

NICHOLAS BOWE.

Nicholas Bowe is one of the prosperous agriculturists of Tilden township, Chippewa county, where he owns a highly cultivated farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 26 on which he resides. He also holds title to another tract of land equal in size on section 28. Mr. Bowe came to this county in 1866, from Germany, where he was born in Berlinge, in the Rhine province, Prussia, April 11, 1841. He is a son of John and Margarete (Casper) Bowe, who were farming people in the old country, where both have passed away and are buried in the village of Kirchweiler, Rhine province, Prussia.

Nicholas Bowe received his education in his native country and after leaving school took up the trade of a shoemaker, later serving his obligatory term in the army. While a soldier he was stationed in the fortress of Coblenz during the time of the war with Denmark in 1864. After coming to Chippewa county, Mr. Bowe worked as a farm hand on different farms until 1870, when he settled in the woods upon land which he developed into his present farm. Overcoming hardships and enduring all privations incident to pioneer life, he succeeded by means of determination, energy and industry. Gradually he cleared his land and put it under cultivation, tract by tract, and has now one hundred acres in bearing. He engages in general farming and also gives considerable attention to stock-raising, keeping a goodly number of cattle and other live stock. Beside this farm Mr. Bowe also owns another tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres located on section 28. Mr. Bowe has erected all of the buildings on the property on which he resides and their substantial appearance speaks well for the careful management of the owner. He is modern and up-to-date in his methods and the latest farm machinery is employed in the cultivation of his acres.

In St. Mary's church at Chippewa Falls, on October 5, 1870, Mr. Bowe was wedded to Miss Katherina Semon, a daughter of Otto and Barbara (Kreck) Semon, the former of whom was a pioneer farmer who created, out of a wilderness, a rich productive farm, upon which both he and his wife passed away. They were buried in the Tilden cemetery. They were also natives of Germany and came to America the year of their marriage in 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Bowe became the parents of eleven children: Otto, who farms in Tilden township; Maria Magdalena, who married Nicholas Mayer, an agriculturist of Tilden township; Christina, who died June 28, 1895, at the age of eighteen years, and is buried in the Tilden cemetery; Wilhelm, who is engaged in farming on some land which belongs to his father; Jacob, who assists the father in the cultivation

of the home farm; Fredericka, who married Anton Kreiling, of Chippewa Falls; Anna Maria, the wife of Joseph Price, who is engaged in the blacksmith business at Chippewa Falls; Margaret, of Chippewa Falls; Ludwig, who died in 1893 and is buried in Tilden; Francis, helping in the cultivation of the home farm; and August, attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowe are devout members of the St. Charles Catholic church, of Chippewa Falls, in the work of which they take an active interest. Politically he is a democrat and, interested in the good roads movement, has served for five years as road commissioner. Although he has passed his seventieth year, Mr. Bowe is still active in his life work, carefully looking after his farming interests. He is highly respected by all who know him for the high qualities of his mind and character, which have been instrumental in making his success possible.

Jacob Bowe, who assists his father with the work of the farm, was born on June 9, 1882, and received his education at Chippewa Falls, being a pupil in the German Catholic school of that city. He left this institution at the age of fourteen and has since given his sole attention to the cultivation of the home farm, in which he ably assists his father. He was married on September 27, 1910, in Chippewa Falls, to Miss Josephine Tousaint, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tousaint, both of whom passed away in the old country, finding their last resting place in the cemetery of Benaz in the grand duchy of Luxemburg. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bowe have one daughter, Katherine L. Both are popular with the younger people of their locality and are highly regarded by all who know them.

R. W. BICKERSTAFF.

Among the well-to-do agriculturists of Cleveland township, Chippewa county, is numbered R. W. Bickerstaff, who here operates a profitable farm comprising eighty acres. He was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, on May 28, 1876, his parents being William and Jane (Adams) Bickerstaff, both natives of the Keystone state. The father came to Chippewa county in 1884 and settled on one hundred and sixty acres of wild land on section 17, township 31, range 7. For a number of years he gave his best efforts to improving this property, but now he and his wife make their home in Bloomer, this state. They are the parents of thirteen children.

R. W. Bickerstaff was reared under the parental roof and on his father's farm early became acquainted with efficient agricultural methods. His school advantages consisted of a common-school education. At the age of twenty-four he purchased from his father eighty acres of land, which were then entirely unimproved. He now, however, has a good set of buildings upon this land, which he has largely cleared and where he engages in general farming, turning his labors to good account.

In this county Mr. Bickerstaff was united in marriage to Miss Florence Kingman, who was born in Chippewa Falls, a daughter of Lon Kingman, who

now lives at Thorp, Wisconsin. Of this union two children were born who are now living, Leland and Lester. One son, Cleff, has passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Bickerstaff are devout members of the Baptist church at Eau Claire. He served in 1912 as township supervisor, was a member of the school board for four years and also held the office of president of that body. He gives his allegiance to the republican party. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Bickerstaff enjoys the esteem and regard of all who know him, for he has shown himself to be a substantial citizen of high qualities of mind and character. He is interested in all that pertains to the public welfare and stands ever ready to give of his means and time in support of worthy enterprises that make for public progress and advancement.

FRANK S. STEINMETZ.

With farm work Frank S. Steinmetz has been closely identified from the time that he was old enough to handle the plow and prosperity has rewarded his efforts, so that he is now the owner of one hundred and seventy-six acres on section 22, Tilden township. The residence which he occupies was erected more than a half century ago but he has remodeled it and converted it into a modern home. In the rear stand substantial barns and outbuildings and these in turn are surrounded by well kept fields, making his farm one of attractive appearance.

Mr. Steinmetz is a native of Chippewa county, born October 31, 1868, and is a son of Stephen and Christiana (Wachter) Steinmetz. The father arrived in this county in 1851, in company with his parents, who had previously lived for a time in Milwaukee. He was twelve years of age when the family home was established in this county. They were among the earliest settlers and their dwelling stood in the midst of an almost trackless wilderness. The Indians roamed through the forests and the trees stood in their primeval strength. There was little to show that the work of civilization and progress was soon to convert this into a productive region, inhabited by a contented and prosperous people. Stephen Steinmetz and his father cleared the farm, upon which the former continued to make his home and reared his family. He is today one of the most respected and valued of the pioneer settlers of Chippewa county and has a wide acquaintance in this part of the state. He has been a member of the board of Tilden and has taken an active interest in all that has pertained to the public welfare. He and his wife now reside in Chippewa Falls and are among the most highly esteemed people of the community.

Frank S. Steinmetz acquired his education in the public schools, but at the age of fourteen years put aside his text-books in order to assist his father on the farm. Through eleven winter seasons he worked in the lumber woods and at the end of that time he received from his father a gift of eighty acres. The remainder of his land he has acquired by purchase from time to time until he is now the owner of an excellent tract of one hundred and seventy-six acres, constituting one of the valuable farms of the locality. Mr. Steinmetz carries on general agricultural pursuits, raising the crops best adapted to soil and climate and also keeping much stock. He makes a specialty of raising horses and handles

those of good grade. Both branches of his business are carefully conducted and have brought him substantial returns. Ample shelter is provided for grain and stock in large barns and sheds and the latest improved machinery facilitates the work of the fields. In fact the farm is splendidly equipped with modern accessories and everything about the place indicates the progressive spirit of the owner.

On the 2d of October, 1894, in the Lutheran church of Tilden township, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Steinmetz and Miss Clara Bornemann, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bornemann, the former a pioneer farmer of this county, who, having passed away, is laid to rest in the cemetery at Bloomer. His widow, after a period of two years, married William Schroeder. Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz have become the parents of five children: Laura, at home; Florence, Arthur and Theodore, who are attending school; and Wallace, five years of age, who completes the family.

Mr. Steinmetz votes with the republican party and has served as a member of the town board. He is now treasurer of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend, loyal to the best interests of the schools. Fraternally he is connected with the Owls and his religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. High principles of manhood and citizenship have actuated him in all the relations of life and his genuine worth commands for him the confidence, esteem and good-will of those among whom his entire life has been passed. As one of the native sons of the county, he has lived to see many changes here, and at all times has borne his part in the work of general progress and improvement.

A. R. GWIN.

A. R. Gwin has been engaged in farming upon his eighty-acre farm in Cleveland township for over twenty years, and as time has passed prosperity has come to him, for his property is now conceded to be one of the best improved in this section, boasting of a fine house and the best and largest barn in the township. Mr. Gwin engages in general farming, following modern and progressive methods, and these, in combination with his natural industry and energy, have won him a place among the substantial men of Chippewa county.

Born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1853, A. R. Gwin is a son of Robert P. and Isabel (McKinley) Gwin, the latter a distant relative of the late martyred president, William McKinley. Robert P. Gwin was born May 11, 1828, and died March 13, 1903. He was a carpenter by trade and highly respected in his home community. His wife was born on July 21, 1826, and survived her husband about five years, passing away on February 4, 1908. The Gwin family are of old Scotch ancestry.

A. R. Gwin attended school in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, and then worked on the home farm, assisting his father. Later he found employment in the stone quarries and lime kilns, but after his marriage, in 1880, settled on a rented farm, which he cultivated until 1884. He then moved with his family to Youngstown, Ohio, and there engaged in bridge and car work until about 1890 or 1891, when he came to Chippewa county and for the first year or two

worked in the woods or as a farm hand. Being careful of his earnings, he was enabled in 1892 to acquire eighty acres of slightly improved land, on nine acres of which the trees had been felled. However, there were no fences or buildings on the land. Setting himself to the task of pioneering and clearing his acres, he has placed his land under cultivation and annual harvests have brought prosperity to him. Mr. Gwin now owns one of the finest homes in the township, has substantial barns upon his land and has installed such modern machinery as is considered indispensable by the up-to-date agriculturist. He engages in general farming and fruit raising, having one of the finest orchards in the county, and is modern and progressive in all his methods.

On May 13, 1880, in Wampum, Pennsylvania, Mr. Gwin was married to Miss Ella Kitch, of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John M. and Elizabeth (McClary) Kitch. The Kitch family is of German descent, while the McClary's are Irish. John M. Kitch was a harness, saddle and glove maker by occupation. He died February 25, 1869, at the comparative early age of thirty-seven, while his wife died April 2, 1877, aged forty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Gwin are the parents of three children: Zona Belle, the wife of Edward Foster, of Chippewa county; Tirza H., at home; and Paul L., who follows railroading in Pennsylvania. The two daughters both have been successful as school teachers in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Gwin also have a foster daughter, Alvina Bergeson, whom they have reared since nine years of age. Mrs. Gwin, her two daughters, son and foster daughter are members of the Congregational church.

A substantial citizen, Mr. Gwin takes interest in public affairs and for five years served as township clerk. He also has been for one term clerk of the local school board. He gives his allegiance to the republican party, in the platform of which he believes are embodied the best measures for good government. He enjoys to a large degree the respect and good-will of his neighbors, who esteem in him an earnest, industrious, energetic man who has not only encompassed individual prosperity but by his labors has contributed toward bringing about the prosperous conditions that now prevail in this section.

WILLIAM SIEPERT.

William Siepert owns a tract of eighty acres and also cultivates a tract of similar size belonging to his wife. Their home is situated on section 21, Tilden township, not far from Chippewa Falls. More than a third of a century has come and gone since William Siepert arrived in that community, having emigrated from Germany in 1879. He was born in Pomerania, Prussia, on the 16th of January, 1849, and is a son of Gottfried and Henrietta (Zimmerman) Siepert, both of whom have passed away and are laid to rest at Grabuitzfelde, Saatzig, Pomerania.

After acquiring his education in the schools of his native country, William Siepert assisted his father in the farm work for a time and then started out independently, after which he supported his mother. Favorable reports reached him concerning the new world and its opportunities, and thinking that he might better his financial condition on this side the Atlantic he came to the United

States and made his way to Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Here he began grubbing trees and was thus employed for three and a half years, but he was ambitious to engage in business on his own account and at the end of that time rented a farm. He continued to cultivate leased land for ten years before he was able to purchase a farm. The land which he bought was a wooded wilderness but he has actively and persistently continued his labors until of the one hundred and sixty acres owned by himself and wife, one hundred acres are now under cultivation. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and keeps considerable live stock. The farm is most attractive in its appearance, Mr. Siepert having made many modern improvements thereon, including the erection of a comfortable and commodious residence. He is determined and energetic, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and he combines scientific ideas with practical methods.

Mr. Siepert was married in Tilden township, on the 6th of December, 1882, to Miss Magdalene Hennemann, a daughter of William and Dorothea (Maxiener) Hennemann. Mrs. Siepert was the first white child born in this district and is today the oldest living woman in this district who was born here. Mr. and Mrs. Siepert have three children: Albert, who is a teacher of manual training in South Carolina; Frederick W., who completed his education in the Dunn County College of Agriculture and is now assisting his father on the home farm; and Clara K., a graduate of the Chippewa Falls high school and a teacher in the county public schools.

The family attend the German Methodist church, in which the parents hold membership. Mr. Siepert gives his political support to the progressive party. He does not believe in the blind following of party leaders, but studies vital questions for himself and votes according to the dictates of his judgment. He is public-spirited in citizenship and his indorsement of any measure indicates his firm belief in it.

JOHN M. ANDREJESKI.

John M. Andrejeski is president of the Chippewa Shoe Manufacturing Company and as such prominently connected with industrial interests of Chippewa Falls. He is a native of Germany, born in Schubin, in the province of Posen, June 2, 1868, a son of Martin and Emily (Froeley) Andrejeski. The father came to America and settled in Berlin, Wisconsin, where he follows the shoe-making trade.

John M. Andrejeski acquired his early education in Germany, completing his studies in Wisconsin. He began his active career in his father's shoemaking establishment, where he remained until he was twenty-one years of age, after which he engaged in mechanical shoemaking independently until 1900. He then came to Chippewa Falls and formed a partnership with J. B. Piotrowski in the shoe manufacturing business. They started in a small way, conducting their factory at Nos. 12, 14 and 16 East Spring street, where their enterprise furnished employment to about seven people. Success came rapidly, however, and the business soon outgrew the original quarters. The partners then erected



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their present modern plant which is five stories high and one hundred and twenty-four by sixty-three feet in dimensions, one of the largest shoe manufacturing concerns in Chippewa county. Three hundred people are employed therein and the daily output of shoes is very large, the company's selling territory extending to all parts of the United States. Much of the credit for the remarkable growth and development of the concern is due to Mr. Andrejeski, who since its organization has given practically all of his time to its affairs, displaying excellent organizing and administrative ability and the energy, resourcefulness and well timed aggressiveness necessary for success in the business field.

In Chippewa Falls, on November 17, 1903, Mr. Andrejeski was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Anderson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Anderson, of Medford, Wisconsin. The father was a pioneer farmer in that vicinity and is still residing there with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Andrejeski have three children: Floyd J. and Lorraine M., who are attending school; and Carl B.

Mr. Andrejeski is connected fraternally with the Knights of Columbus and is independent in his political views, voting for the man whom he considers best fitted for the position without regard to party lines. A man of upright character and honorable principles, he has ever conformed to a high standard of commercial ethics and is honored and respected by all with whom he has come in contact.

CARL DUENOW.

Carl Duenow, an enterprising and progressive agriculturist, whose life of activity has been crowned with success, owns and occupies a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 21, Tilden township. He has lived in this county for more than a half century and he has now reached the age of seventy-nine years. However, he still gives supervision to his farm work and it is well known that his industry and intelligence have constituted the foundation upon which he has built his prosperity. He was born in Pomerania, Prussia, October 26, 1834, and is a son of Gottlieb and Dorothea Duenow, both of whom now sleep in the Evangelical cemetery of Tilden.

In his native country Carl Duenow pursued his education, but his opportunities were quite limited. He began earning his own living when but eight years of age as a herder and his youth was a period of unremitting toil. In 1856, he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, hoping to better his financial conditions in the United States and for five years he was employed in different sections of Wisconsin. He carefully saved his earnings until his labor and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase one hundred and forty acres of woodland on the Yellow river. He hewed the trees and built a log house and other necessary farm buildings. Acre after acre was cleared, plowed and planted and in time he gathered good crops as a reward of his labors. He lived upon his original farm for seven and one-half years. In 1869 he purchased a part of his present farm and eventually became the owner of two hundred and eighty acres in the Henneman settlement, starting with one

hundred and sixty acres, which he improved. He remained upon that farm for thirty-two years before removing to his present place on section 21, Tilden township, and during the period of almost one-third of a century spent in the Henne-man settlement, he won substantial success through his wisely directed efforts.

His present farm was largely in a state of wilderness when it came into his possession, but he cleared and cultivated it and today has a valuable and well improved property. He has built three residences in this county and has borne his full share in the arduous task of transforming the forest lands into productive fields. When he came to Chippewa county, he made the journey with oxen from Washington county and it was after three weeks of slow and tedious traveling that he reached his destination. He broke his first land with oxen and the farm machinery was of a primitive character. Much of the work that is today accomplished with improved agricultural implements then had to be done by hand. At all times Mr. Duenow had the assistance and encouragement of a faithful wife who has indeed been a helpmate to him.

It was on the 29th of August, 1861, that Mr. Duenow was married to Miss Augustina Harck, daughter of Christian F. and Wilhelmina Harck, both of whom have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Duenow celebrated their golden wedding, on which occasion ninety of their descendants were present. They had a family of nine children: Wilhelm, who died in October, 1910, at the age of thirty-five years; Minnie, the widow of William Wesenberg, who was a farmer of Washington county, Wisconsin; Hannah, the wife of Earnest Rank, a farmer of Cooks Valley, this county; Heinrich, a farmer living in the vicinity of his father's home; Anna, who is residing in California; Augusta, who makes her home with her brother, Heinrich; Emma, also in California; Louisa, at home; and Adolph, who is assisting his father in the work of the farm.

Mr. Duenow votes with the republican party which he has supported since he became a naturalized American citizen. The right of franchise was conferred him about the time the party elected its first president, and he has always remained one of its strong adherents to the present time. His life exemplifies his religious faith, which is that of the German Methodist church.

He has reached the age of seventy-nine years and received the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded those who have long traveled life's journey and whose record is worthy of emulation. Mr. and Mrs. Duenow are today among the best-known residents of Tilden township, and as pioneer settlers, well deserve mention in this volume.

LOUIS HOEL.

Louis Hoel, a well known farmer of Cleveland township, is the owner of ninety acres of land on section 28, township 31, range 7. His birth occurred in Norway on the 4th of April, 1875, his parents being Edward and Carrie Hoel, who are still residents of that country. He spent the first seventeen years of his life in Norway and in 1892 emigrated to the United States, locating in North Dakota, where he remained for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he came to Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and secured employment as a

lumber jack, in which line of work he has been largely engaged to the present time. In 1902 he purchased ninety acres of land on section 28, township 31, range 7, the only improvements on the property being a small house and a woodshed. The trees had been cut down from an acre and a half, but the stumps were still standing. Mr. Hoel has cleared about twenty acres of the place, has enlarged the residence and erected a new barn. He carries on general agricultural pursuits during the summer seasons and in the winter works in the lumber woods in order to augment his income.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Hoel chose Miss Ethel Butterfield, a native of Jackson county, Wisconsin. They were married on October 13, 1900, at Chippewa Falls. Mrs. Hoel is a daughter of William and Edith (Austen) Butterfield, natives of Wisconsin. The father died when she was but two years of age and the mother about fifteen years later. Mr. and Mrs. Hoel have four children: Herbert, Edward Allen, Hazel Bernice and Ray Cleo.

Mr. Hoel is a republican in politics and acted as town assessor during 1909 and 1910, while at one time he also served as clerk of the school board. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He is an intelligent, hard-working, energetic man who has succeeded by his own efforts, and is known as one of the substantial citizens of Cleveland township.

NATHAN DONALDSON.

The home of Nathan Donaldson is a farm of forty acres on section 17, Tilden township. His residence in Chippewa county covers all of the intervening years from 1866, to the present time, and therefore he has witnessed many of the changes which have led to the present prosperous condition of the district. He is of Canadian birth, the place of his nativity being St. John, New Brunswick, and the date September 12, 1847. His father, Nathan Donaldson, Sr., was a logger and pilot on the St. Lawrence river. He died in 1877 at the age of seventy-four years, having for only a brief period survived his wife, who passed away in September, 1876, at the age of seventy. She bore the maiden name of Luna Hazel. When called to their final rest, both the father and mother were interred in the Forest Hill cemetery at Eau Claire.

After attending the public schools of his native province until fourteen years of age, Nathan Donaldson, Jr., assisted his father on the farm, giving his attention to agricultural pursuits until thirty years of age. He was next employed in a sawmill in Eau Claire and at Rice Lake for seven years, and during the seasons for twenty-nine years he worked in the lumber woods driving teams, while during the spring months for sixteen years he was a log driver on the river. He also did carpenter work and throughout these years there were few leisure hours in his career. He realized that if success should be his it must come as the direct result of indefatigable industry and persistent purpose. In 1889 he settled on a farm on section 17, Tilden township, which at that time was covered with a dense growth of timber. The task of clearing it was a difficult one, but he resolutely undertook the work and has brought thirty-five acres

under cultivation. He is now engaged in general farming and is making his fields bring forth rich returns.

Mr. Donaldson was married in Eau Claire, on the 22d of March, 1881, his union being with Miss Mary H. Oehman, a daughter of Nicholas and Gertrude (Metzger) Oehman, who were pioneers of Chippewa county, but are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson had five children, but one of the number died in infancy. The others are: Charles, a farmer residing in Minnesota; William, who follows farming in Bloomer township; Annie, the wife of Anton Ruff, a farmer of Brush Prairie; and Ida, the wife of Fred Fitzpatrick, an expressman of Eau Claire.

Mr. Donaldson votes with the democratic party and is interested in its success and active in its work. He has served as a member of the county board and as road commissioner. He and his wife belong to St. Peter's Catholic church at Tilden, and he is a member of the Order of Owls. The rules which govern his conduct are such as measure up to high standards and his fidelity to these rules has made him worthy of the high respect and confidence in which he is uniformly held.

JOHN S. MELVILLE.

John S. Melville, a representative of one of the most honored pioneer families of Chippewa county and closely connected with agricultural interests of Lafayette township as the owner of a fine farm of one hundred acres on section 15, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 30, 1853. He is a son of William and Sarah C. (Thomas) Melville, pioneers of Chippewa county.

The father settled in Chippewa Falls when there were only a few houses in the place besides the tepees occupied by Indians. The surrounding country was a dense wilderness where frontier conditions prevailed and where all the hardships of pioneer life confronted the settler. William Melville founded what is now known as the Melville settlement, a name which has clung to it through the years by reason of the fact that members of this family have made their home there since the establishment of the community. William Melville brought a large tract of land to a high state of cultivation and became a prosperous, progressive and able farmer. He took a prominent part in public affairs and was honored by his fellow citizens by election to various township offices, in all of which he discharged his duties capably and conscientiously. He was a member of the first jury impaneled in this county, it being composed mainly of business men on the south side of the river, which portion of the city was then called Frenchtown. His death occurred July 15, 1906, when he was nearly eighty-six years of age. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1866. Both are buried in Lafayette cemetery, Chippewa county.

John S. Melville acquired his education in the district schools of Chippewa county and continued his studies until he was eighteen years of age, although during the latter part of this time he spent seven months in each year assisting his father with the work of the farm. After laying aside his books he remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age and upon attaining his majority was presented by his father with an eighty-acre tract of land in Lafayette town-

ship, the nucleus of his present farm. From time to time he added to his holdings, acquiring finally three hundred acres, a portion of which he has divided among his children, retaining for himself one hundred acres on section 15. Upon this property he engages in general farming and dairying and his practical and progressive methods have been rewarded by excellent results. Mr. Melville erected the residence which is now upon his property and good farm buildings, all of which he keeps in excellent repair. By untiring and well directed labor he has made this a valuable and productive farm, reflecting everywhere his careful supervision and capable management.

In Lafayette township, February 17, 1878, Mr. Melville was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie E. Ogden, a daughter of Joseph and Fannie (Livingston) Ogden. Her father was a soldier of the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Melville have three children: Carrie, the wife of B. A. Stone, a farmer in Lafayette township; Oliver W., also engaged in farming in that township; and Roy R., who is assisting his father.

Mr. Melville is a devout member of the Presbyterian church and is a republican in his political beliefs. He is interested in the cause of education and active in its promotion, having served as director, clerk and treasurer of the school board. He has been loyal in his advocacy of everything pertaining to the welfare of the county and has made many substantial contributions to development and progress, adding by his upright and honorable life to the esteem and respect in which his name has been held since pioneer times.

FRANK PETSKA, JR.

Frank Petska, Jr., is well known in the business circles of Bloomer where he makes his home. He is engaged in teaming and he also has an interest in a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. He was born in this locality thirty-one years ago and is a son of Frank Petska, who was born across the water, but came to the United States when twenty-five years of age. He journeyed across the country until he reached Wisconsin, taking up his abode in Chippewa county where he engaged in farming. He now lives at Taylors Corners where he conducts a road house. He married Lena Eder and their family numbered thirteen children.

The usual experiences of the farm lad came to Frank Petska, Jr., in his youth, his time being divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. When his school days were over his entire attention was given to farm work on the old homestead until about six years ago when he came to Bloomer and has since engaged in teaming. He is usually busy at this work and his patrons find him thoroughly reliable as well as industrious and enterprising. He owns the home place in Bloomer and he is also interested in the old home farm and owns an interest in one hundred and sixty acres of land east of Taylors Corners.

In 1905 Mr. Petska was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Miller and as the years have gone by four children have been added to the family, Herbert, Lena, Lucile and Eldon.

Mr. Petska votes with the republican party and has filled the offices of road-master and assessor, in which connection he has performed his duties with promptness and fidelity. He belongs to the Catholic church and he is well known in the county where he has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

FRANK J. MAIER.

Frank J. Maier who conducts one of the largest and most up-to-date blacksmith shops in Bloomer, was born in Germany in 1872 and is a son of Frank J. Maier also a native of the fatherland. Mr. Maier of this review remained in Germany until he was sixteen years of age and then emigrated to America where he completed his education and afterwards worked at various occupations. On the 4th of March, 1902, he opened a blacksmith shop in Bloomer and this he has since conducted with gratifying success. He owns the building, which is the oldest blacksmith shop in the town, but he has entirely remodelled it, installing excellent equipment and making it new and modern in every particular. Mr. Maier carries on a horseshoeing and general repair business and has met with well deserved success in his activities.

Mr. Maier married Miss Theresa Geisler and they have become the parents of five children: Richard, aged seven; Irene, aged five; Florence, aged three; Rosalie, aged sixteen months; and Frank J., Jr., aged seven weeks. The family are members of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Maier is connected fraternally with the Catholic Order of Foresters. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and interested in public affairs, although he is not active as an office seeker. He is a man of high integrity and worth and holds the esteem and confidence of all who are in any way associated with him.

JOHN SUNDET.

John Sundet, following mixed farming and dairying upon eighty acres of land on section 15, Lafayette township, was born in Sundet, Norway, a community named in honor of his family, on the 12th of October, 1854. He is a son of Ole and Martha (Hogseth) Sundet, both of whom have passed away and are buried in Fiskom, Sundet, Norway.

John Sundet acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and laid aside his books at the age of fourteen. He afterward assisted his father for some time and then began farming independently, operating a tract of land in Norway until he came to America in 1883. He first settled in Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, where he worked in a sawmill for a time and later in the lumber woods. From there he removed to Sawyer county, where he spent nine years, and at the end of that time came to Chippewa county, where, in 1896, he purchased his present farm. At that time it was entirely unimproved, there being no buildings upon the place, but he has since erected a fine residence and good barns

and other outbuildings, steadily carrying forward the work of development and making the place a model and valuable farm. For thirty years he has engaged in mixed farming and dairying and his well directed efforts have been rewarded by a success which places him among the substantial and progressive farmers of his locality.

In Hayward, Wisconsin, November 5, 1888, Mr. Sundet was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Paulson, a daughter of Paul K. and Margaret (Mortensen) Torgberg, the former for many years a farmer in Fusen, Norway. Both have passed away and are buried in Haagh cemetery, that country. Mr. and Mrs. Sundet have become the parents of five children: Ole, a farmer in Canada; Arthur, a telegraph operator; Melvin, who lives at home; Christ, who is assisting his father; and Martha, also at home.

Mr. Sundet gives his political allegiance to the republican party and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Lutheran church. He is a man of high moral character, industrious and enterprising, and his honesty and integrity have merited him the confidence and regard of his neighbors, among whom he has lived for over a quarter of a century.

HENRY GOETZ AND BROTHERS.

The Goetz family has long been highly esteemed in Sigel township, Chippewa county, and Henry Goetz is worthily carrying on the family tradition, being not only one of the foremost farmers and stock-raisers of this section but also vice president of the Citizens Bank of Cadott and prominent in the public life of the county. The family is of German extraction, the father, Henry Goetz, Sr., having been born in that country on September 10, 1833. He was one of the early pioneers of Sigel township, a farmer by profession, and attained to a degree of prosperity which made him one of the most substantial men in his locality. Moreover, he was widely known as a public official, enjoying in a large measure the trust and confidence of the general public. He served for four years as county treasurer and for twenty-seven years held the same office in his township. He was also prominently connected with the commercial and financial life in Sigel township, being treasurer and director of the Eagle Point Mutual Fire Insurance Company and one of the organizers and president and director of the Citizens Bank of Cadott. For three years he served as president in this connection. He was highly respected by all who knew him on account of his foresight, good judgment, his ability and his absolute integrity. His death, which occurred December 10, 1909, marked a loss to the community of one who had perhaps done more than any other citizen for progress and advancement along many lines of endeavor. Henry Goetz, Sr., was married to Miss Caroline Grassle, a native of Ohio, born in 1843, who still makes her home on the old farm. Of this union were born fifteen children, of whom Henry Goetz, Jr., is the eldest and the others were: Leopold, deceased; John; George; Caroline; August, deceased; Christian L.; Louis; Martha; Mary; Reinhardt; Benjamin; Emma; Frederick; and Walter.

Henry Goetz, our subject, attended district school in Sigel township until eighteen years of age, early assisting his father in his agricultural work and becoming acquainted with valuable methods of cultivating the soil. He has ever remained here and now owns about two hundred and sixty acres of land located on section 23, township 29, range 7. The Goetz family own a total amount of sixteen hundred and eighty acres in this county, most of which is located in Goetz township. This was originally part of Sigel township but has been named Goetz in honor of the Goetz family. Being a thorough agriculturist and an able business man, Mr. Goetz employs the most modern methods in the operation of his farm and has made a remarkable success, bringing his property to such a profitable condition that it must be classed as one of the most valuable in the county. He gives much attention to stock-raising, averaging about one hundred head of cattle per year, most of which are shorthorns. It takes ten horses to carry on the operation of the farm. The farm buildings, sheds, granaries and barns are up-to-date in every respect and substantially built, and the most modern machinery has been installed upon the place. Mr. Goetz specializes in dairy products and gives particular attention to the sanitary arrangements and the highest class of quality in their manufacture. Moreover, Mr. Goetz is connected with some of the institutions in which his father was already prominent, for he is vice president of the Citizens State Bank of Cadott and treasurer and director of the Eagle Point Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Both of these institutions profit by his business ability to a large extent. Ever interested in the higher things of life, Mr. Goetz is a devout member of the German Lutheran church, of which he is treasurer and one of the overseers, taking part in all branches of religious life. For fourteen years he has served his township as treasurer. He is a republican and his convictions always lead him to the support of candidates and measures of this party. Eminently successful, Mr. Goetz enjoys in full measure the regard of all who know him and is most deeply respected by those who have known him from his boyhood days and who are most intimately acquainted with him. He is one of the most worthy native sons of Sigel township and it is this worthiness more than his material achievements which assure him of the continued respect of the general public. A well informed, modern farmer, a thorough, able and shrewd business man, a sincerely devout churchman and a public servant of great merit, he is entitled to all the honor that comes his way and well merits the material achievements which have been the result of careful planning and sagacious execution.

HERMAN MEYER.

Herman Meyer, a representative of a well known pioneer family of Chippewa county, has since 1881 been connected with the agricultural interests of this part of Wisconsin and today owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and thirty acres in section 14, Lafayette township. He was born in Wayne, Washington county, this state, October 24, 1851, and is a son of Ludwig and Anna (Toedder) Meyer, both of German origin. The family came from Washington county to Chippewa county in pioneer times, settling near Cadott when

there were only three families within a radius of many miles. The surrounding country was a tract of dense timber land and the Indians were numerous. Ludwig Meyer took up a tract of land and with characteristic energy carried forward the work of its development, bringing it eventually to a high state of cultivation. Besides being an active and prosperous farmer he was prominent also in public affairs and held a number of county offices, such as register of deeds and clerk of the court. He is now living retired in Tilden, having reached the advanced age of ninety-four. His wife passed away in 1896, at the age of seventy-two, and is buried in the Tilden cemetery.

Herman Meyer acquired his education in the district schools of Chippewa county and laid aside his books at the age of sixteen. He afterward assisted his father with the work of the farm during the summer months and spent the winters in the lumber camps, continuing thus until 1881. He then turned his attention to farming, settling upon an eighty-acre tract of land in Wheaton township. At the time this came into his possession it was entirely unimproved but in the course of years he brought it to a high state of cultivation, making it one of the finest properties in the locality. When he disposed of this he bought his present farm, comprising one hundred and thirty acres lying on section 14, Lafayette township, and here he has since engaged in agricultural pursuits, taking a particular interest in the conduct of his large modern dairy. His interests are all carefully and ably conducted and have brought him a gratifying measure of success.

In Tilden township, on the 21st of October, 1874, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Miss Pauline Vonderheiden, a daughter of William and Henrietta Vonderheiden, both of whom have passed away. The father is buried in Tilden but the mother was laid to rest in Chippewa Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are the parents of five children: Gustav, who is engaged in poultry raising in California; Clara, the wife of Vines Clothier, a farmer in Kansas; Walter, a bricklayer residing in Spokane, Washington; Emma, who married James Koyle, a foreman for the Chippewa Canning Company; and Arthur, who is assisting his father.

Mr. Meyer is a member of the German Evangelical church, of which he has been treasurer and trustee, and he is connected fraternally with the Knights of the Maccabees. He is a republican in his political beliefs and interested in public affairs, having served for some time as a member of the board of aldermen of Chippewa Falls. He is an upright man, interested not only in the material but also in the moral standing of the community, and he has gained the confidence and respect of his neighbors as a substantial farmer and a useful citizen.

JOHN BENNESCH.

For thirty years John Bennesch has made his home in Howard township, and that success has attended his labors is evident from the fact that he is today the owner of one of the largest and most profitable farms on section 15, comprising three hundred and eighty acres, where he engages in general farming and stock-raising. A native of Bohemia, he came to America at the age of twenty, after the death of his father, to seek the opportunities of the new world,

and that he has found them and made use of them, his present prosperity is the best proof.

John Bennesch was born in Bohemia in September, 1863, and is a son of Frank and Kedy Bennesch, both of whom spent their entire lives in the old country, where they passed away. John Bennesch attended common school in Bohemia until fourteen years of age, after which he assisted his father in farm work until the latter's death, when he came to America. This was in 1883. He engaged as a farm hand and worked for others for a period of seven years, carefully husbanding his resources and assumulating the means which enabled him to start for himself. He began with the cultivation of about one hundred and fifty acres and has since added to his holdings until his farm now comprises three hundred and eighty acres of fertile land. His acres are planted to the most suitable grain and he also engages to a considerable extent in stock-raising, having at present forty-four head of cattle, eighteen hogs, nine sheep and five horses. He is progressive in his methods, and the present appearance of his farm is the best evidence of his indefatigable industry, good judgment and ready understanding of the agricultural proceedings most certain to obtain results. Mr. Bennesch has erected a handsome residence on his land and has also put up a number of other farm buildings which are up-to-date and substantial and in every way adequate to his needs. He has installed modern machinery and manages his enterprise with a view toward obtaining the best results at the least expenditure of labor, which is the foundation for great success.

On May 14, 1889, in Tilden township, Mr. Bennesch married Miss Theresa Manan, a daughter of John and Mary (Wheatle) Manan, well known residents of Tilden township. Mr. and Mrs. Bennesch have six children: Emil, who assists his father with the work of the farm; Caroline, the wife of William Dackel, a prosperous farmer of Howard township; and Rose, Adolph, Regina and Herman, all of whom are yet at home.

Mr. Bennesch and his family are devout communicants of the Roman Catholic church, and politically he is a democrat. Although he has never sought public office, he is interested in all worthy enterprises promoted for the benefit of the community, and as a private citizen has done much toward agricultural advancement. Through his own efforts he has attained a success of which he may well be proud and which none can begrudge him. He is highly respected by all who know him and has many friends in Howard township who esteem him highly for his qualities of mind and character.

THOMAS GERMYN.

Thomas Germyn has resided in Chippewa county since 1887 and during the greater portion of the time has made his home upon his fine farm of one hundred acres on section 13, Lafayette township, making in the course of years many substantial contributions to the agricultural development and progress of his locality. He was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1840, and is a son of William and Susan (Levis) Germyn, both of whom have passed away. The father died in his native country and is buried in Skibbreen Abbey, County Cork. His

wife survived him many years, living to the advanced age of ninety-nine. She is buried in the cemetery at Wolf Prairie.

Thomas Germyn acquired his education in the public schools of County Cork and after laying aside his books engaged in agricultural pursuits upon a rented farm. When he left Ireland he crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in Wisconsin, where for a number of months he worked at anything which would bring him an income. At the end of that time he turned his attention to farming in Waukesha county and there remained until 1887, when he removed to Chippewa county, where he has since resided. He purchased his present farm, comprising one hundred acres lying on section 13, Lafayette township, and here engages in mixed farming, his practical efforts being rewarded by a substantial measure of success. Mr. Germyn has made all of his own improvements, erecting a residence, a good barn and substantial outbuildings, and his property is today one of the finest in this section of the state.

Mr. Germyn has been twice married. In Ireland he wedded Miss Eliza Piping, who died in that country leaving two children: Edward, who is engaged in farming in Oklahoma; and William, a farmer in Lafayette township. After the death of his first wife Mr. Germyn married, in 1883, Miss Ellen Allen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Allen, the former a pioneer farmer in Wisconsin. Both have passed away, the former being buried in Ireland and the latter in Wolf Prairie, this township. Mr. and Mrs. Germyn became the parents of two children: Susan, the wife of Ole Larson, who is operating a farm belonging to his father-in-law; and Allen, who died while in the United States naval service.

Mr. Germyn is a member of the Church of England, and is a republican in his political beliefs, taking an active interest in the progress of the community, where he has so long resided. In all of his business dealings he is straightforward and reliable, and in matters of citizenship helpful and progressive, and he enjoys to the fullest extent the confidence and good-will of those who know him.

HENRY PFAFF.

Henry Pfaff, a prosperous and successful farmer of Sigel township, owning eighty acres of fine land on section 28, was born in Dunn county, Wisconsin, February 27, 1875. He is a son of Adam and Mary (Templeman) Pfaff, natives of Washington county, Wisconsin, the former born in 1847 and the latter in 1852. They came to Sigel township about the year 1876 and for many years thereafter the father was prominently connected with agricultural interests. He is now living retired in Cadott. In his family were nine children: Henry and Katie, who are living; Carrie, Lena and John, who have all three passed away; Charles; George; Elizabeth; and Frieda.

Henry Pfaff acquired his education in the public schools of Sigel township and from his early childhood assisted with the work of his father's farm, becoming in this way thoroughly familiar with the best agricultural methods. When he was twenty-one he went to North Dakota but returned after a short time and later spent some years working in the woods in the winters and at farming during

the summer months. He purchased his present property when he was twenty-four years of age, buying eighty acres on section 28, Sigel township, and in the following year he moved upon this property, concentrating his attention since that time upon its development. It was entirely unimproved when it came into his possession and he was obliged to clear it of timber before beginning the work of cultivation. He has erected upon it a fine nine-room residence, a commodious barn, built in 1902, and other substantial outbuildings, neglecting nothing which would add to its appearance and value. He engages in general farming, raising hay, oats, corn and potatoes, and he is also interested in stock-raising, keeping twelve head of cattle and five horses. He is in addition a gas engine inspector and has the exclusive agency for gas engines, windmills and threshing machines in his township. He also operates a threshing machine and a corn husker of his own during the fall of the year and is well known as a capable, reliable and progressive business man.

On the 15th of August, 1900, in Sigel township, Mr. Pfaff was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Gerber, a daughter of David and Henrietta (Prill) Gerber. Her father, who was a farmer in Sigel township, died March 28, 1906. His wife is still living and makes her home with her son, who lives in Arthur township. Mr. and Mrs. Pfaff have become the parents of nine children: Robert; Herman; Edward; Mary and Leonard, who have passed away; Carl; John; Frederick; and Pauline.

Mr. Pfaff is a member and secretary of the Evangelical church. He is an independent republican in his political beliefs and has been justice of the peace since 1911. He was also for six years clerk of the school board and has served as road commissioner, discharging all of his public duties in a capable and conscientious way. He is a man of energy and resource and through his enterprise and honesty has acquired an enviable reputation in his community.

OLE EMERSON.

Chippewa county numbers among its worthy and valued citizens Ole Emerson, who has resided in this part of the state since 1869 and who has in the intervening period made many substantial contributions to its agricultural development and progress. For thirty-nine years he has lived upon his present farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 12, Lafayette township, and his holdings also include valuable city property in Chippewa Falls. He was born in Eker, Norway, September 15, 1848, and is a son of Amon Peterson and Maria (Gustavson) Emerson, also natives of that country, where the father was a lumberman and farmer. Both have passed away and are buried in Fiskom, near Eker.

Ole Emerson acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and after laying aside his books worked as a chore boy for a doctor in Eker. After resigning this position he came to America, journeying by way of Quebec, Canada, to Chippewa county, where he arrived June 14, 1869. He afterward worked at farm labor for five years and at the end of that time purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Lafayette township, twelve acres of which were improved. Upon the remainder of the property Mr. Emerson felled the

trees, grubbed up the stumps and broke the soil, eventually bringing the farm to a high state of cultivation. He has become known as one of the most able farmers in this section of the state and his interests have become extensive and important with the passing years. In addition to general farming he engages also in stock-raising and dairying, lines of activity which under his able management have become important and profitable. In his earlier years he was one of the largest logging contractors in this part of the state, employing as many as four hundred men and paying about one hundred and thirty thousand dollars every year for labor, but he has since abandoned this occupation, concentrating his attention upon the work of the farm. He has added to his holding from time to time until he now owns two hundred and forty acres, upon which are a good residence, which Mr. Emerson erected himself, and substantial barns and out-buildings. The buildings are modern and in good repair and everything about the place is in excellent condition, reflecting the careful supervision of the owner, who is a practical and able agriculturist. He also owns a great deal of city property and has accumulated a comfortable fortune as a reward of his untiring labor and industry through the years.

In Eau Claire, Wisconsin, October 11, 1873, Mr. Emerson married Miss Gurnel Hanson, a daughter of Andrew and Gurry Hanson, natives of Norway, where the father followed farming. Both have passed away and are buried in Lear, near Drammen, Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson became the parents of nine children: George, who died at the age of fourteen and is buried in the Forest Hill cemetery; Andrew, a foreman of a lumber camp; Mary, the wife of William Johnston, a farmer in Lafayette township; Milly, who married Charles C. Stone, a logging contractor; Frank, a bookkeeper for the Allo Lumber Company; Harry, engaged in farming in Lafayette township; Olga, the wife of Ole Hanson, a clerk with the Farmers Produce Company of Bloomer; Oscar, who is assisting his father; and Evelyn, the wife of Walter F. Larabee, an attorney at law at Chippewa Falls.

Mr. Emerson is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and politically votes for men and measures of which he approves without regard to party lines. His interest in all that pertains to the general welfare is that of a public-spirited citizen who finds time and inclination to cooperate in movements for the public good. He has witnessed practically the entire growth and development of Chippewa county and throughout the years has made excellent use of his time and opportunity, taking advantage of every chance that would lead to honorable advancement.

AUGUST ALBRIGHT.

August Albright is living upon a farm on section 24, Lafayette township, where he devotes his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits and dairying. He owns eighty acres of valuable land, whereon he has resided for several years, making it by his practical efforts and untiring industry a productive and valuable farm. He is a native son of Chippewa county, born at Bloomer, October 6, 1886, his parents being Fred and Louise (Nemtz) Albright, both of

German extraction. The father came as a pioneer to Chippewa county, locating here about 1863, when this region was yet a wilderness. He turned his attention to farming pursuits and brought the land which he took up to a high state of cultivation. He was killed by a horse in 1909 and is buried in Bloomer township beside his wife, who passed away in May, 1897.

August Albright acquired his education in the public schools of Bloomer and laid aside his books at the age of fifteen. He then assisted his father with the work of the homestead and after the latter's death received the property which he now owns. He engages in general farming but specializes in dairying and is meeting with that success which always follows earnest and persistent labor.

In Chippewa Falls, February 3, 1910, Mr. Albright was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Roycroft, a daughter of John and Mary Melville Roycroft, the former a prominent farmer of this locality, who died in 1909, and is buried in Lafayette cemetery. His wife survives him and makes her home in Chippewa Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Albright have become the parents of a son, Albert.

Mr. Albright gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a young man of energy, resource and ability and has already attained an enviable position in agricultural circles and will undoubtedly make continued progress in his chosen field.

PLINY POWER ELLIS.

Pliny Power Ellis is now practically living retired, although he still occupies his farm on section 4, Howard township, where for many years he carried on general agricultural pursuits. He has been a resident of Chippewa county since the 28th of April, 1859, removing to the west from Pennsylvania, his native state. He was born on the 14th of July, 1833, his parents being Asaph and Amanda (Spencer) Ellis, both of whom continued residents of the Keystone state until called to their final rest. The father died in 1853 and the mother in 1844, and their remains are interred in the Sabanes burying ground at Mahaffey, Pennsylvania.

Pliny Power Ellis was reared in the state of his nativity and acquired his education in the schools of Pennsylvania, pursuing his studies to the age of seventeen years. After leaving school he began working in the woods and was thus employed for about nine years, after which he determined to try his fortune in the west and came to Chippewa county. Here he again sought employment in the lumber woods, spending three years in that way, after which he started in business on his own account. He had gradually saved his earnings and was anxious that his labors should more directly benefit himself. His frugality and economy were the foundation of his present prosperity. He has always led an industrious life and what he has accomplished has been the merited reward of his earnest, persistent labor.

Mr. Ellis was married, in Dunn county, Wisconsin, on the 22d day of March, 1868, to Miss Emma Chase, a daughter of James and Hannah (Gay) Chase, both of whom have passed away and were laid to rest in Cook Valley cemetery,

Chippewa county. To Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have been born the following children: Lulu Jane, born May 4, 1870, is at home. Ida M., born July 14, 1871, is the wife of J. W. Bitney, of Okee, Wisconsin. Charles Joseph, born January 18, 1873, is associated with his father in the operation of the home farm. Perry James, born July 6, 1874, is living in Waukegan, Illinois. Grace Greenwood, born April 20, 1876, is the wife of Jesse Nichols, of Colfax, Wisconsin. Pliny Orlando, born April 15, 1878, married Cora Glover and resides in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Asaph Chelsom, born June 23, 1880, died January 22, 1882. Hannah Mary, born August 13, 1882, is the wife of Abraham La Baron, of Waukegan, Illinois. Emma Alice, born June 23, 1884, is the wife of Clarke Lee, a farmer of North Dakota. Lucy Amanda and Arlie Ray, twins, were born April 12, 1887. The former is now a resident of Waukegan, Illinois, but the latter died October 18, 1887. Rosetta Belle, born September 7, 1888, is at home. Luman Bowers, born October 20, 1890, died June 18, 1892.

Politically Mr. Ellis is a republican, having voted with the party since its organization. He takes an active interest in the affairs and questions of the day and has always concentrated his energies and efforts upon his business, and as the years have gone by his earnest work has brought him success. He has long lived upon the farm which is now his home and has carefully cultivated the fields, making it one of the excellent properties of Howard township. At the present time he is largely leaving the work of the fields to his son, while he enjoys a well merited rest.

WILLIAM J. GEISSLER.

The residence upon the farm of William J. Geissler on section 9, Howard township, was erected by him, as were other buildings upon his place, and he has carried steadily forward the work of development and improvement until his tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres is now very productive and yields him golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon it. He is yet a comparatively young man but has won success that many another might well envy.

He has always lived in Chippewa county, his birth having occurred within its borders in 1878, his parents being Edward and Anna (Rubenser) Geissler, who are residents of Tilden. Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, William J. Geissler was educated in the schools of Tilden until he put aside his text-books at the age of fifteen years. After leaving school he assisted his father for about eight years and became familiar with every branch of farm work, thus gaining the practical knowledge and experience which enabled him to win success when he started out in life on his own account. He today has a good tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres and carries on mixed farming. He has about five head of horses, twenty-one head of cattle and fifty hogs, so that his farm is well stocked. He employs modern methods in carrying on his place and it presents a neat and attractive appearance, which bears evidence of the progressive spirit of the owner.

Mr. Geissler was married in Tilden, in February, 1894, to Miss Clara Blair, a daughter of William and Matilda Blair, now residents of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Geissler have a family of nine children: William, Edward, Harold, Henry, Albert, Walter, Anna, Angeline and Ernest, all yet at home.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and the political support of Mr. Geissler is given to the republican party. He has firm faith in its principles and while he does not seek office for himself, he is always willing to support the candidates who stand for the political principles in which he so strongly believes.

M. S. BAILEY.

A man of varied interests and forceful personality, M. S. Bailey has since 1871 been closely connected with business and public affairs in Chippewa Falls and is today numbered among the leading citizens of that community. For almost a quarter of a century he has been active in the real-estate and insurance business and his efforts have extended to many other fields, carrying him forward into close relations with general municipal life. He is well known in educational circles for his excellent work on the school board and as a member of the industrial commission and his interests are all of a progressive character. He was born in Rolling Prairie, Wisconsin, August 19, 1857, and is a son of Ethan Allan and Adelia J. Bailey. The former was for some time a wheat and grain buyer in Wabasha, Minnesota, and Randolph, Wisconsin, and at the time of the birth of the subject of this review was engaged in merchandising. He died in 1866 and was survived by his wife until 1872. The latter is buried in the Forest Hill cemetery, this city.

M. S. Bailey acquired his education in the public schools of his native city and in Notre Dame school in Chippewa Falls. He laid aside his books at the age of fifteen and afterward took up the study of telegraphy. For a time he had charge of the operating office of a private company which had a line between Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire. This was later purchased by the Northwestern Telegraph Company and merged into the Western Union Telegraph Company. Mr. Bailey continued as operator until 1881 and in the later years of his connection with the telegraph office had also full charge of the express department. In 1881 he became corresponding clerk for the American Express Company in their office in Milwaukee but after a few years returned to Chippewa Falls, where he purchased an interest in the business conducted by A. S. Stiles & Company, the name being changed to Stiles, Lego & Bailey. Mr. Bailey retained this connection until the fall of 1884, when he was elected to the office of clerk of the court.

After serving as clerk of the court for four years Mr. Bailey turned his attention to the insurance business. He retained his connection with this line of work during his term of service as county superintendent of schools, from 1890 to 1894, and during that time and afterward he built up a large and important patronage. In 1889 he engaged in the insurance business with B. F. Miller, which relationship was continued for one year. He then formed a partnership with Ambrose Hoffman under the firm name of M. S. Bailey & Company, insurance and real



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estate. The firm so continued until the death of Mr. Hoffman, after which Mrs. Hoffman, now Mrs. Cary, succeeded to her husband's share in the business. In January, 1911, the share of Mrs. Hoffman was taken over by Earle H. Bailey, the son of our subject, and the business is still conducted under the style of M. S. Bailey & Company. In 1897 he joined A. B. McDonell and R. E. Chin and they organized the Wisconsin Land & Loan Company, the growth of which is due in a large measure to Mr. Bailey's energy, resourcefulness and ability. The latter in 1900 joined with a number of other local business men in the organization of the Chippewa Falls Canning Company and Mr. Bailey is still secretary and manager of this concern. He has also aided in the foundation and development of a great many other business enterprises and, having the interests of the community always at heart, has been a valuable factor in its commercial and industrial expansion. His business interests alone do not serve to indicate the scope of his activities for his efforts have extended to many fields, lying always along lines of progress and improvement. As a member of the board of education he aided in securing the erection of a new high school building in the city and he is at present a member of the industrial commission which was organized under the laws of the state of Wisconsin for the purpose of conducting vocational schools.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 7th of September, 1882, Mr. Bailey was united in marriage to Miss Grace E. Halbert, a daughter of Thomas L. and Emily A. Halbert, the former a pioneer lumberman in that city and afterward organizer and president of the First National Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are the parents of two sons: E. H., who is in partnership with his father; and Lee A., a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and now in practice as a structural engineer.

Mr. Bailey is a democrat in his political beliefs and aside from the offices above mentioned is serving as a member of the park board. His activities have been important factors in advancing the commercial, industrial and general business interests of Chippewa Falls and aside from all of these fields in which his labors have brought him profitable returns he has put forth effective efforts for the benefit and upbuilding of the city, cooperating largely and generously where the welfare of the community has been involved. He is well known in Chippewa Falls and the years of his residence there have brought him well deserved honor and esteem among his fellow citizens.

PERRY FRIEDERICK.

Chippewa county numbers among its prosperous and successful native sons Perry Friederick, who for a number of years has owned and operated a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 14 and 23, Lafayette township. He was born November 11, 1861, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Prescoe) Friederick, of German extraction. The father was one of the earliest settlers in Chippewa county, taking up his residence here in 1858. At the outbreak of the Civil war he joined a Wisconsin regiment and lost his life on

the southern battlefields. His wife survived him many years, dying in 1905, when she was sixty years of age. Both are buried in Lafayette cemetery.

Perry Friederick acquired his education in the district schools of Lafayette township and laid aside his books at the age of sixteen. For five years thereafter he worked at farming in the employ of others and when he was twenty-one took charge of his mother's homestead. This property he has operated since that time and is now its owner, its excellent condition being entirely due to his well directed and practical labors. His father had broken fifteen acres of the land, but with this exception the farm was practically unimproved when it came into Mr. Friederick's possession. He broke the soil, erected substantial farm buildings and fenced the property into convenient fields, bringing it to a high state of cultivation. He engages in mixed farming and dairying and under his able management both branches have proven profitable and important.

At Chippewa Falls, on the 3d of May, 1893, Mr. Friederick was united in marriage to Miss Diana White, a daughter of Samuel and Isabelle White, the former one of the pioneer settlers in Chippewa county. He now resides in Greenville and has survived his wife, who is buried in the Lafayette cemetery. Mrs. Friederick passed away February 12, 1909, leaving six children: Ethel, who is her father's housekeeper; Samuel, assisting with the operation of the homestead; and Robert, Loretta, Margaret and Clarence, all of whom are attending school.

Mr. Friederick is a republican in his political beliefs and a devout member of the Presbyterian church. Having resided in Chippewa county from his birth to the present time, he is widely and favorably known here and his excellent qualities of mind and character have gained him the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and friends.

THEODORE W. FILTZ, JR.

Among the progressive and enterprising young business men of Cadott is numbered Theodore W. Filtz, Jr., who since 1896 has been connected with the firm of Theodore Filtz & Sons, box manufacturers. He has founded a gratifying success in this field upon industry, reliability and well timed business aggressiveness, and during the period of his connection with it has been one of the greatest individual factors in promoting the advancement of the concern and in directing its policies along modern and progressive lines.

He was born in Chippewa Falls, on the 6th of November, 1875, a son of Theodore and Theresa (Schuster) Filtz, natives of Germany, the former born in 1845 and the latter in 1848. The mother came to Wisconsin at the age of sixteen and her marriage occurred in Chippewa Falls. Theodore Filtz, Sr., was brought to America when he was six years of age and he grew to manhood in Chippewa county. In 1880 he moved to Cadott where he was employed by the Clark Manufacturing Company for thirteen years thereafter. At the end of that time he purchased a small engine and established a lathe mill of his own, to which at the end of a year he added a shingle mill. In 1896 he enlarged his business and bought another mill, a lumber mill, which he operated until 1899, when

he again added to his undertakings by beginning the manufacture of cheese boxes. In 1907 he purchased the plant of the Cadott Manufacturing Company and formed the firm of Theodore Filtz & Sons, box manufacturers. He is still connected with this business and is numbered among the prominent and representative men of the city. He and his wife became the parents of eight children: Minnie, married Edward Heagle, a farmer of Sigel township and they became the parents of three children: Gerald, Leonia, and one who died in infancy. August is a partner in the firm of Theodore Filtz & Sons; he married Miss Emma Kaiser and to their union were born two children: Jeannette and one deceased. Henry was passed away. Theodore W., Jr., is the subject of this review. Annie married Joseph Couey, a railroad man of Hudson's Bay Junction, Canada, and they have a son, Robert. Frank is also connected with Theodore Filtz & Sons. He married Miss Annie Schultz and they have a son, Walter. Mary has passed away. Edward, the youngest child in this family, is a mill hand in the factory of Theodore Filtz & Sons. He married Miss Frances Bean.

Theodore W. Filtz, Jr., acquired his education in the public schools of Cadott which he attended until he was fifteen years of age. When he laid aside his books he entered the employ of his father, working in the mill, and in 1896 was taken into partnership. He has since been connected with Theodore Filtz & Sons and has been a helpful factor in the remarkable growth of the business it controls. This is one of the largest manufacturing enterprises in this section of the state, the plant and stock being valued at about forty thousand dollars. The firm controls a large and growing patronage for its business standards are high and its policy progressive. Mr. Filtz of this review is also a stock holder in the Citizens State Bank of Cadott and he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 20, township 29, range 6, northwest, ten acres of which are cleared and under cultivation.

Mr. Filtz is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and is a devout member of the Roman Catholic church. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is at present village supervisor, discharging his duties in a conscientious and able way. He is known as a progressive, reliable and straightforward business man and his record is a credit and an honor to a name that has been highly esteemed and respected in Cadott for many years.

JOHN A. FRIEDERICK.

John A. Friederick is engaged in general farming in Lafayette township, owning and operating three hundred acres of land on sections 14, 23 and 24. He has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and his place presents an attractive appearance, reflecting everywhere his careful supervision and practical methods. Mr. Friederick has lived in Chippewa county since he was three months old but was born in Adams county, this state, June 10, 1856. He is a son of John and Eva (Lena) Friederick, the former one of the earliest settlers in this part of Wisconsin. He came to Chippewa county when it was still a wilderness and here took up land, which in the course of years he brought

to a high state of cultivation. He became prominent and active in public affairs and was honored by his fellow citizens by election to various positions of trust and responsibility, serving as school director and also as clerk of the board of education. He passed away in 1894, at the age of sixty-nine, having survived his wife eleven months. Both are buried in the Lafayette cemetery.

John A. Friederick acquired his education in the district schools of this county and laid aside his books at the age of fourteen. He then assisted his father with the work of the farm, helping to clear the land and to carry forward the work of development and improvement. Upon the death of John Friederick, Sr., the estate, comprising three hundred and twenty acres, was divided among his children, Mr. Friederick of this review receiving eighty acres as his share. By hard work and intelligent management he has added to his holdings since that time, owning today three hundred acres, all in a high state of cultivation. He has erected upon his farm a large modern residence and has made many other improvements, neglecting nothing which would add to the appearance or value of the place. Upon this fine property Mr. Friederick engages in general farming and has achieved a substantial and gratifying success, owning one of the best agricultural properties in his locality.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 28th of December, 1884, Mr. Friederick was united in marriage to Miss Dorothea Klages, a daughter of Fred and Dorothea Klages, the former a pioneer settler in this locality. He died in February, 1913, at the age of seventy-two, having survived his wife one year. Both are buried in the Lafayette cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Friederick became the parents of eight children: Lizzie, who married Roy Melville, a son of John S. Melville, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work; George H., who is assisting his father; Alice, the wife of James Ryan, a farmer in Lafayette township; Martha, at home; William J. and Oscar, who are aiding in the operation of the homestead; and Dorothea and Verner, who are attending school.

Mr. Friederick is a republican in his political beliefs and is interested in the advancement and growth of Chippewa county, where he has resided practically all his life. He is widely known here as a representative citizen and he commands the confidence and respect of the entire community.

HERMAN G. SCHROETTER.

Herman G. Schroetter, a representative and progressive agriculturist of Cleveland township, owning two hundred and forty acres of land on section 31, township 31, range 7, is an up-to-date dairy farmer who has won a most gratifying measure of success in his undertakings. His birth occurred in Princeton, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, on the 23d of April, 1875, his parents being Edward and Minnie (Zimmerman) Schroetter, both natives of Germany. The father, a carpenter by trade, followed that occupation for several years after his emigration to the United States and subsequently turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, owning a farm in Green Lake county, this state. Later he came to Chippewa county and purchased a farm near Bloomer, on

which he spent the remainder of his life. His widow survives and makes her home on that property.

Herman G. Schroetter began working as a farm hand when twenty years of age, being employed by agriculturists of the neighborhood. In 1901 he came to Chippewa county and purchased a slightly improved tract of two hundred and forty acres on section 31, township 31, range 7. He has cleared considerable more of the land and carries on dairy farming with excellent success. For his horses and cows he erected a barn with cement floors which is the largest in Cleveland township, its dimensions being one hundred and twenty by forty-two feet. He also owns a milking machine, operated by a four horse power gasoline engine, which has a capacity of from one to eight cows. Mr. Schroetter disposes of his cream at the creamery and for eight years has had a wagon on the cream route. He is, moreover, a machinist of no mean ability and possesses considerable inventive genius. He has equipped his well with a gas engine pump and has also a wood saw of his own invention, the logs being brought under the saw by means of pulleys and feeding apparatus without having to be lifted. Mr. Schroetter milks on an average of twenty cows and is widely recognized as a modern and up-to-date dairy farmer. He has filled his silo for the past five years and owns the best ensilage cutting machine in the neighborhood.

On December 8, 1901, in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, Mr. Schroetter was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Nehring, a native of that county and a daughter of Carl and Emelia Nehring, natives of Germany. The father first located at Caloma Station, where he was engaged in farming, but when Mrs. Schroetter was about six years of age the family removed to Marquette county, Wisconsin. The mother has passed away, but the father is still living there. Mr. and Mrs. Schroetter became the parents of seven children, of whom Erma died in infancy. The others are Laura, Elmer, Ida, Mildred, Norma and Lucile.

Mr. Schroetter is independent in his political views and has served as a member of the school board for three years, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. In religious faith he and his family are Lutherans. In all the relations of life his has been a creditable record and he has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

WILLIAM H. WOLF.

William H. Wolf, who since 1881 has followed the trade of a mason and contractor and engaged also in mixed farming upon one hundred and sixty acres of fine land on section 20, Lafayette township, was born in Decorah, Iowa, May 29, 1863. He is a son of Harrison and Nancy (Mizner) Wolf, the former of whom followed the mason's trade for a number of years. He came with his family to Chippewa county from Iowa and became very prominent and highly respected in this locality, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1889, when he was fifty-eight years of age. His wife survived him many years, dying in 1910, at the age of seventy-six. Both are buried in Lafayette cemetery. They became the parents of twelve children, six of whom

died in infancy, the others being: Charles, who was drowned at the age of nineteen and is buried in Lafayette cemetery; Minnie, the wife of Anton Snyder, a resident of Chippewa Falls; Ella, who married Robert Herold, a lumberman in Portland, Oregon; William H., of this review; Ida, the wife of J. Rich, a farmer in Canada; and Louis, who died in the fall of 1880.

William H. Wolf acquired his education in the public schools of Decorah, Iowa, laying his books aside at the early age of twelve. Even before this time he was obliged to earn his own livelihood and after leaving school worked in the flour mills in Decorah and at anything else which would bring him an income. He came to Chippewa county in 1880 and here engaged in various pursuits for a number of years thereafter. Success rewarded his well directed labors and he gradually accumulated enough money to purchase land. He bought one hundred and twenty acres on section 20, Lafayette township, and to this afterward added forty acres, his property being today one of the finest and most productive in his locality. Mr. Wolf has remodeled the residence, built a commodious barn and a good silo and always uses the most modern machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. He engages in mixed farming and has been very successful, for he invariably follows the most practical methods and never neglects anything which will add to the value of his farm. Since settling in this county in 1880 he has also followed the trade of a mason and contractor in connection with the work of the farm.

In Chippewa Falls, July 14, 1889, Mr. Wolf was united in marriage to Miss Christine Heiser, and they have become the parents of ten children: John H. and Willis, both of whom are engaged in farming; Hazel, Mabel and Nancy, at home; Ruth, Dorothea, Ethel and Wesley, all of whom are attending school; and Loraine.

Mr. Wolf is a progressive in his political beliefs and is interested in community affairs, cooperating heartily in measures to promote general progress. He has steadily advanced as a result of his persistent energy and unabating industry and enjoys the friendship and confidence of all who come in contact with him.

FRANK HORN.

Frank Horn carries on general farming on section 13, Howard township, where he owns and cultivates a tract of land of two hundred acres. Throughout the greater period of his manhood he has lived in Chippewa county, arriving here in 1875. He was reared, however, in Dodge county, Wisconsin, where he was born on the 2d of December, 1848, his parents being Jacob and Theresa (Kliner) Horn, who lived for many years in Dodge county and were there laid to rest. The father passed away in 1858 but the mother long survived, her death occurring in 1911. He was a prominent and influential citizen of Dodge county in the early half of the nineteenth century and he held several of the leading county and township offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity, making a creditable record in that connection.

Reared under the parental roof, Frank Horn was but ten years of age when his father died. He was at that time attending school and continued his

education until he reached the age of fourteen, when he left school, feeling it incumbent upon him to provide for his own support. He secured employment as a farm hand and thus worked in Dodge county until his removal to Chippewa county in 1875. Here he began farming on his own account on the tract which he today owns. He now has two hundred acres and the soil, naturally arable, responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. The fields show that he is following diversified farming, for he raises various crops and keeps upon his place seven head of horses, fifteen head of cattle and twenty or more hogs. The buildings upon his farm were erected by him and include a substantial residence and good barn and outbuildings. His farm is divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences and he utilizes improved modern machinery in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting.

In 1882, in Tilden, occurred the marriage of Mr. Horn and Miss Theresa Bowe, a daughter of Michael and Mary Ann (Myers) Bowe, both of whom have passed away, their remains being interred in Tilden cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Horn have a family of five children: Nick, Gilbert, Benjamin and Adelaide, who are all under the parental roof; and Anna, who is the wife of Joseph Heppfeller, a saloon keeper of Marsfield, Wisconsin.

The family attend the SS. Peter and Paul Catholic church, of Tilden, of which Mr. Horn is a member. In politics he is a democrat but has never been an office seeker in the usually accepted sense of the term. For about twelve years he was school clerk and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. The major portion of his time and attention, however, is devoted to his farming interests and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place is indicative of the spirit that actuates him in his chosen life work.

VALENTINE MULLER.

About fifty-five years have come and gone since Valentine Muller arrived in Chippewa county. Already some of the first hardy pioneers had settled here and land was rapidly being taken up by those who wished to make homes for themselves and were willing to meet the hardships and privations of frontier life. Mr. Muller was ambitious to own property and, arriving here in 1858, bought eighty acres upon what is now section 15, Tilden township. About ten years later he bought an additional eighty acres and upon this place he has since resided, converting it into a productive and profitable farm, which annually returns him bounteous harvests. All this represents much hard work, but his persistent labor has at length been crowned by success. Mr. Muller was born in Frankenberg, Germany, July 27, 1836, and is a son of Johannes and Elizabeth (Mitze) Muller, the former of whom engaged in the flour milling business. Both have passed away, the mother dying in 1841 and the father in December, 1870. They are buried in the family cemetery near Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany.

Valentine Muller acquired his education in the public schools of Buchenberg and laid aside his books at the age of fourteen. Afterward he assisted his father in the mill until 1857 and then emigrated to America. He worked for a time on the building of a sugar factory in New York but, wishing to engage

in farming, came in the following year, by way of Milwaukee, to Chippewa Falls, arriving here when the town boasted of only one store. He hired out to a farmer and at the same time located a claim, soon afterward moving to this property, where he has since resided. It meant much difficult labor to develop a farm from the unbroken wilderness, but he resolutely set himself to the task, clearing his property, breaking the soil and erecting the first necessary buildings. Flour at that time was five dollars a sack and other provisions proportionately expensive and Mr. Muller was obliged to endure many hardships during the early days of his residence here. The work of developing the farm was, however, carried forward year by year until he was finally in possession of a valuable property, provided with an excellent residence and substantial farm buildings.

In Chippewa Falls, December 26, 1860, Mr. Muller was united in marriage to Miss Emily Geisler, a daughter of Wenzelaus and Barbara (Meyer) Geisler, natives of Bohemia. The mother died in that country in 1850 and was buried near Tabor and three years later the father came to America, settling in Chippewa Falls, where he engaged in paper making and mill building. He died here in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Muller became the parents of six children: Henry, who passed away in May, 1882, at the age of seven, and is buried in the Tilden cemetery; Emily, the wife of Joe Hartman, a farmer in Howard township; Mary, the widow of Charles Lowe, a farmer of Howard township; Valentine, Jr., who is engaged in farming in Tilden township; Helena, who married George Hartman, Jr., who is engaged in farming in Chippewa county; and Henry, the second of the name, who is assisting his father.

Mr. Muller is a member of SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic church of Tilden, and is a republican in his political views. For the past three years he has served as township treasurer and has been always active in community affairs, cooperating heartily in movements for the general good. The fifty-five years since his arrival here have been filled with hard work and many privations but have brought him finally a gratifying degree of success, so that he stands today among the prosperous agriculturists of Chippewa county and among its most honored and respected pioneers.

GEORGE A. STEWART.

Among the extensive landholders of Cleveland township, Chippewa county, is George A. Stewart, who owns a valuable farm of two hundred and ninety-three acres, one hundred of which are under cultivation, yielding him a gratifying annual income. His land is improved with excellent buildings, and the appearance of the property indicates clearly the prosperity of its owner. Moreover, Mr. Stewart has participated in the public life of his township, having served in an official capacity in various connections for many years. A native of Canada, George A. Stewart was born in Granville, August 1, 1861, his parents being William and Mary (Bates) Stewart, natives of Ireland. The father made removal to the Dominion when a young man, there engaging in lumbering and farming. Mary Bates was brought to Canada when a mere baby.



GEORGE A. STEWART AND FAMILY

George A. Stewart was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of his education attended school in his native province. Upon coming to the United States he made his way to Chippewa Falls, arriving on the Saturday before the election of President Garfield. Willing to work and ambitious to succeed, he turned to the lumber woods for employment and for about ten years was so engaged, carefully husbanding his resources and acquiring the means which enabled him at the end of that time to engage in the sawmill business in partnership with his father-in-law, in which connection he continued for two years. He then bought one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 18, township 31, range 7, which was slightly improved and on which he found a small log house and barn. That his indefatigable labor has brought results is evident from the fact that he owns today two hundred and ninety-three acres, one hundred of which are in a high state of cultivation. He has a substantial, well appointed house upon the property and his barns are modernly equipped and in every way adequate to his demands. He has installed modern machinery and is successfully carrying forward the work of cultivation. Of late he has bought a handsome home on Cedar street, in Chippewa Falls, and it is his intention to retire from an active agricultural life and to move to the city. His farm will then be taken in charge by his son William.

On September 13, 1888, in Chippewa county, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Lida Gordon, a native of Eau Claire and a daughter of L. P. Gordon, an early settler and a millwright by trade, who now lives with his son in township 31, range 8. Mrs. Gordon died when Mrs. Stewart was but a child. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have six children: William, George, Elsie, Wealthy, Earl and Esther, all of whom are yet at home. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are members of the Congregational church, to the work of which they contribute in a material way, also setting up examples of true Christian citizenship. In his political convictions Mr. Stewart is a republican and has served for one year on the township board. For six years he held the important position of township treasurer, doing valuable work while in charge of the finances of the district. He has always deeply interested himself in the cause of education, his twenty years' service as school director giving undeniable evidence thereof. As the years have passed Mr. Stewart has come to be numbered among the most highly valued citizens in this part of Chippewa county, and the confidence and respect which he readily receives on every hand are given in due recognition of what he has attained and those qualities of his heart and mind which have made it possible for him to achieve the prominent place which he now occupies in his community.

ANTON SOLBERG.

Chippewa county has been singularly fortunate in its public officials, having always had men of ability, honesty and public spirit to administer its affairs. One of these is Anton Solberg, the present county treasurer, who makes his home at Chippewa Falls. In the fall of 1883 he came to Chippewa county, having crossed the ocean from Jarlsberg, Norway, where he was born in 1860,

a son of Andrew and Karen (Lean) Solberg. The father passed away in 1892 in his native country and the mother still makes her home there.

Anton Solberg received his education in the excellent schools of Norway which he left at the age of fourteen years in order to go to sea. Before coming to Wisconsin he was a sailor for five years but upon arriving here he hired out for work in the lumber camps and at other occupations that would yield him an honest living. He was thus engaged for some years and then accepted a position with the Chippewa Lumber & Boom Company, remaining in that position for eleven years. For five years he worked as a section hand on the Soo Line and for twelve years he followed agricultural pursuits, at the end of which time he was elected to his present position. He is a republican in politics and as the nominee of his party he won the contest for election.

In 1886, at Chippewa Falls, Mr. Solberg was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Hauge, a daughter of Gulbrand and Maren Hauge, both of whom spent their entire lives in Norway, where they passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Solberg have seven children, all of whom are at home, namely, Clara, Axel, Gudrun, Lillian, Harry, Valborg and Evelyn. The career of Mr. Solberg again proves that opportunities are awaiting in this country for the sons of all nations. That he has attained to the important position he now holds is indeed a credit to him—a credit to his character and the high qualities of his mind, the recognition of which led the people to elect him to this place of trust.

WILLIAM SIMON.

William Simon owns a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 9 and 16, Tilden township, and upon this property has resided since he was two years of age. During his entire active life he has engaged in its cultivation and it reflects today in its excellent condition the many years of care and labor he has bestowed upon it. Mr. Simon was born near Tipton, Iowa, April 3, 1858, and is a son of Otto and Barbara (Kreg) Simon. The father came from Germany by way of New York to Iowa, where for a time he worked at farm labor, later moving to Chippewa county, where he settled upon the farm now owned by the subject of this review. He began with eighty acres and gradually added to his holdings until at the time of his death he owned two hundred acres. He passed away in the fall of 1908, having survived his wife since 1903. Both are buried in the Tilden cemetery.

William Simon acquired his education in the public schools of Tilden, laying aside his books at the early age of thirteen. He afterward assisted his father with the work of the farm and has continued active in the operation of this property since that time. It was then a wilderness and Mr. Simon assisted in its development, felling the timber and erecting the necessary buildings. Upon the death of his father he came into possession of the homestead and has since carried forward the work of its cultivation along practical and modern lines. He has erected almost all of the buildings upon the place, including fine barns, one of which is one of the largest in his locality. In addition to general farm-

ing he engages extensively in stock-raising, keeping fine herds of cattle and a number of horses.

On the 27th of November, 1883, in Tilden township, Mr. Simon was united in marriage to Miss Maria Gertrude Hunc, a daughter of Nicholas and Magdalena Hunc, the former a pioneer farmer in this section of Wisconsin. He died in 1892 and is buried in Tilden. Mr. and Mrs. Simon have two children: Ludwig, who is assisting his father; and Caroline, at home.

Mr. Simon is a member of the St. Peter's Catholic church of Tilden and a democrat in his political beliefs. His enterprise and industry have made him prominent in agricultural circles and he has won for himself a creditable reputation by his integrity and reliability in every situation in which he has been placed.

CHARLES H. DICKINSON.

Charles H. Dickinson, owning an excellent property of fifty-six acres on section 18, Lafayette township, upon which he has established himself in the marble and granite monument manufacturing business, is numbered among the enterprising and successful native sons of Chippewa county. He was born March 1, 1863, his parents being Myron C. and Jane E. (Russell) Dickinson. The father came to this county in 1856, among the early settlers here, and he took up his residence in that year upon the farm which is now owned by the subject of this review. He developed and improved this place for many years, following general farming here until his death, which occurred July 4, 1883, when he was fifty-three years of age. His wife survived him until 1904, dying at the age of sixty-nine. Both are buried in Lafayette cemetery. The Dickinson family is of ancient English origin and the line can be traced back to the time of William the Conqueror.

Charles H. Dickinson acquired his education in the district schools of Chippewa county, laying aside his books at the age of fourteen. He afterward assisted his father with the work of the farm and spent some time in the lumber woods, continuing thus until he was eighteen years of age. He then went to Janesville, on a visit to his uncle, who was a marble cutter, and there he became interested in that business, which he learned in principle and detail. However, he afterward farmed for five years and at the end of that time began work as a journeyman marble cutter, continuing in this way until he established his present enterprise upon the land which he had inherited from his father. Being able and enterprising, he has secured a large patronage and his business has steadily increased in volume and importance until he controls today one of the largest enterprises of this character in the county.

On the 25th of November, 1885, on the farm which he now owns, Mr. Dickinson married Miss Mabel E. Billington, a daughter of Lorenzo and Hanna (Mabbott) Billington, of Arena, Wisconsin. The father engaged in the general merchandise business in that city until his death, which occurred in 1897, when he was sixty-nine years of age. His wife survives him and makes her home in Le Roy, Minnesota. The family is of English origin.

Mr. Dickinson is a member of the Methodist church and is a republican in his political beliefs, interested in everything that pertains to the progress and advancement of his native county. He is one of the active and progressive citizens of Lafayette township, a man of good business capacity and enterprise and unquestioned business integrity, enjoying in an unusual degree the confidence and good-will of the community.

WILLIAM H. PHILLIPS.

William H. Phillips owns and operates a fine farm of seventy-eight acres on section 25, Lafayette township, a property whereon he has resided since 1860. He was born in Lancaster, New York, October 30, 1843, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Maydole) Phillips, the former of whom engaged in farming in New York state for some time. He afterward moved to McHenry, Illinois, where his death occurred in 1846, when he was forty-five years of age. His wife survived him until 1893, dying in Chippewa county at the age of eighty-four. She is buried in Lafayette cemetery, while her husband was laid to rest in McHenry, Illinois. The family is of Dutch origin and its representatives were early settlers in America.

William H. Phillips acquired his education in the district schools of Illinois and in Lafayette township, whither he came in 1857. He laid aside his books at the age of seventeen and then began working on a farm which he afterward purchased and which has remained his place of residence to the present time. In February, 1864, Mr. Phillips followed the call of duty and enlisted in the Fourth Wisconsin Cavalry for service in the Civil war. He was honorably discharged in June, 1866, having for about a year done police and guard duty on the Rio Grande river after the close of the war. This was at that time a very wild and lawless part of the country and his duties were severe and responsible ones. When he had moved upon his land the tract was nothing but wild timber and prairie, and upon his return he again took up the work of clearing and cultivating. He is responsible for all the work which has been done on the place, and such success as has come to him is but the reward of diligent and incessant effort.

In Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on the 25th of November, 1868, Mr. Phillips was united in marriage to Miss Laura A. Wilcox, a daughter of Sylvanus and Mary Ann (Lansing) Wilcox, the former a shoemaker and cook by trade. He was one of the earliest settlers in Chippewa county and died here in 1870, at the age of fifty. His wife survived him until 1911, passing away when she was eighty-seven years of age. Mr. Wilcox was laid to rest in Lafayette cemetery, while his wife was buried in Tacoma, Washington. The Wilcox family is of English origin, while the Lansings have been in America for several generations. Mrs. Phillips' father took part in the Florida-Indian war. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips became the parents of five children: Meta, who died when she was seven years of age and is buried in the family cemetery in Lafayette township; George H., a farmer in Union township, Eau Claire county; Ida, who married John Wilcox, a farmer in Lafayette township; Edith, the wife of

A. McDonald, a merchant in Chippewa Falls; and Beatrice, who married Paul Hess, a farmer in Sigel township.

Mr. Phillips is a member of the Presbyterian church and is a republican in his political views. He has been town clerk for many years and has made an excellent official record, his work being at all times straightforward, conscientious and reliable. He is today in control of a very valuable farming property, upon which he has made substantial improvements and which represents many years of care and labor.

JOHN NILSON.

John Nilson, an industrious and successful agriculturist of Holcombe township, is the owner of a tract of eighty acres on section 28, township 31, range 6, but for the past six years has worked on the farm of Mrs. Jennie Hendrickson, which adjoins his property. He was born in Sweden on the 15th of December, 1861, a son of Nils Jacobson, who died in that country. In 1887, when a young man of twenty-six years, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and, making his way to Wisconsin, worked for a number of years in the lumber woods and on the river. During the past six years he has worked on the farm of Mrs. Jennie Hendrickson in Holcombe township, where he also owns a tract of eighty acres which he purchased when it was all wild land. He has cleared about twenty acres thereof, has erected a residence and barn and also set out fruit trees.

Energetic and enterprising, he has met with excellent results in his undertakings as an agriculturist and is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of his community. He has never married and makes his home with Mrs. Hendrickson, whose farm, as above stated, adjoins his own.

BERT A. SYVERSON.

Wisconsin is certainly an Eldorado for the agriculturist. Her land, naturally rich and productive, responds readily to cultivation and the meadows afford splendid pasturage for stock. It is then to be expected that the farmers and dairymen win success if they are persistent, earnest and honorable in the conduct of their business interests. Such a man is Bert A. Syverson, who owns a farm of eighty acres on section twenty-eight, Howard township. He has been a resident of Chippewa county only since 1900, but is numbered among Wisconsin's native sons, his birth having occurred in Trempealeau county on the 14th of May, 1873. He is a son of Arnt and Anna Marie (Benson) Syverson. The mother is now living with her son, Benhart, the father having passed away in July, 1910, his grave being in a cemetery of Trempealeau county.

It was in the schools of his native country that Bert A. Syverson pursued his education, continuing his studies to the age of eighteen years. He afterwards accepted any employment that would yield him an honest living, working

in various ways for about ten years, or until 1900, when he came to Chippewa county and invested the money, which he had saved from his earnings, in eighty acres of land. He has since lived on this tract, of section 28, Howard township, and has fifty-five acres under cultivation devoted to general farming. He keeps three horses to work his place and also about twenty head of cattle. Substantial improvements have been made upon his land. Well kept fences divide the place into fields of convenient size, and as the years go by, he is transforming his farm into one of the well developed properties of the township.

Mr. Syverson was married in Trempealeau county in 1899 to Miss Lena Olson, daughter of Ole and Parnilla Olson, natives of Norway, where they still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Syverson have five children: Mabel P., Olga R., Elleda O., Norman W., and Borgheld V.

No event of great importance has occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Mr. Syverson, yet his life work constitutes an example worthy of emulation, showing what may be accomplished when determination and energy constitute the salient features in a man's character.

WILLIAM PRINCE.

William Prince, identified with general farming in Howard township, is numbered among those citizens whose lives are proof of the attractiveness of Chippewa county as a place of residence. Numbered among the native sons of the county, he has by preference remained within its borders, recognizing the fact that there is no better investment than Wisconsin farm land and that the various opportunities and advantages here afforded are surpassed nowhere. His place embraces one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land on section 9, Howard township. He was born on the 2d of December, 1879, his parents being Andrew and Sarah (Corrigan) Prince, well known and highly esteemed residents of this county. The father is of French extraction and the mother of Irish.

William Prince obtained his education in Chippewa county and left school at the age of fifteen, subsequently assisting his father in the operation of the home farm for about nine years. On the expiration of that period he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, coming into possession of a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on section 9, Howard township, where he has carried on mixed farming to the present time. He keeps about five horses, fifteen cattle and twenty-two hogs. The residence and other buildings on the farm, which were erected by him, are modern and substantial structures. His labors are intelligently directed and his enterprise is bringing him well merited success.

On the 29th of September, 1903, in St. Peter's Catholic church, in Bloomer, Wisconsin, Mr. Prince was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Swartz, a daughter of John and Kate (Sickora) Swartz, who are residents of Chippewa county. Our subject and his wife now have three children living, Evelyn, Ethel and Charlotte, and two deceased.

In his political views Mr. Prince is independent, considering the capability and fitness of a candidate as of more importance than his party affiliation and

supporting the measures that he deems will most quickly promote the general welfare. In religious faith he is a Catholic, member of SS. Peter and Paul church of Auburn. Both Mr. and Mrs. Prince are widely recognized as people of genuine personal worth and of many sterling traits of character.

WILLIAM HILP.

Farming and dairy interests of Chippewa county find a progressive and worthy representative in William Hilp, who owns and operates a fine farm of eighty acres on section 27, Lafayette township. He has resided in that locality since he was nine months old but was born at Sulzfeld, Baden, Germany, July 29, 1880. His parents are John and Christine Hilp, natives of Germany, who in 1881 settled in this section, where the father has since engaged in farming. He is a substantial agriculturist and a progressive and public-spirited citizen, holding the esteem and respect of his neighbors and friends.

William Hilp acquired his education in the public schools of Lafayette township and, being the eldest son, was obliged to lay aside his books at the early age of fourteen in order to assist his father. He remained at home until after his marriage and then purchased eighty acres on section 27, Lafayette township, upon which he has since resided, steadily carrying forward the work of development. He has erected a comfortable residence, good barns and out-buildings, and upon the property engages in mixed farming and dairying, both branches proving important and profitable under his able management.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 19th of June, 1909, Mr. Hilp was united in marriage to Miss Emma Buttenhoff, a daughter of William Buttenhoff, a resident of Chippewa Falls. They have two children, Agnes and Herman. Mr. Hilp is a member of the German Lutheran church and is a republican in his political beliefs, taking an intelligent interest in the welfare and progress of the township. He is widely known in Chippewa county and his substantial characteristics have gained him the warm regard and unqualified confidence of his fellow citizens.

OLOF NYSTROM.

Olof Nystrom, a representative agriculturist and esteemed citizen of Holcombe township, is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land on sections 26 and 27, township 31, range 6. His birth occurred in Sweden on the 17th of June, 1860, his parents being Nels John and Anna Martha (Johnson) Anderson, both of whom passed away in that country. In 1882, when a young man of twenty-two years, Mr. Nystrom crossed the Atlantic to the United States and, making his way to Wisconsin, engaged in lumbering at Rice Lake. In 1884 he returned to Sweden but two years later again came to this country and located in Chippewa county, Wisconsin, here devoting his attention to lumbering at Estella, near the site of his present farm. In 1892 he purchased one

hundred and sixty acres of land in Holcombe township that was but slightly improved, the buildings thereon being a small house and barn. He has cleared sixty acres of the place and has also erected a substantial frame residence and good barn. In his undertakings as a general farmer he has won well merited success, his well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. Thirteen years ago he sent his family to Sweden and went to the Klondike, where he spent two years. He then joined his family in Sweden and at the end of six months' sojourn there returned with his wife and children to his farm in this county. Subsequently he again made his way to Alaska, remaining in the north for another period of two years.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Nystrom chose Miss Carrie Oleson, a native of Sweden, their marriage taking place in Chippewa Falls, August 15, 1891. They have six children, as follows: Anna Elsie, a graduate of the Cornell high school, who attended the normal school at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and has followed the profession of teaching for three years; Esther Gunhild, who graduated from the high school at Chippewa Falls as valedictorian of the class of 1912 and has taught school for one year; and Valdemar Oliver, Ansel W., Arne O. and Bechtel J., all at home.

In his political views Mr. Nystrom is a staunch republican, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He is a man of many sterling traits of character as well as of good business ability, and high regard is uniformly tendered him.

JAMES R. MURPHY.

Among the law firms of Chippewa county is none which enjoys a higher reputation than that of Murphy & Browne, located at Chippewa Falls, where they conduct an extensive and important business which connects them with much of the litigation before the local courts. James R. Murphy, the senior partner of the firm, came to Chippewa county on August 15, 1887, from Richibucto, New Brunswick, Canada, where he was born January 7, 1877, a son of Constantine C. Murphy. The mother before her marriage was Miss Ellen Roach. In 1887 the parents came to this section and here the father died on February 22, 1905, at the age of seventy-eight, finding his last resting place at Chippewa Falls. There the mother is still living.

James R. Murphy received his primary education in New Brunswick, which he left at the age of about ten years, subsequently attending Notre Dame high school at Chippewa Falls, from which he graduated at the age of sixteen. He then taught school for about seven years and in that time also attended the Superior State Normal School at Superior, Wisconsin, from which he graduated. Becoming principle of the Chippewa Falls high school, he remained there for five years, and also conducted the Teachers' Institute for four years. Entering the University of Wisconsin, he graduated from the law department at Madison in 1910 and has since that time engaged in the practice of law in Chippewa Falls, hav-



JAMES R. MURPHY

ing been in this city now about three years. Not only is he well versed in the law but has also deeply studied humanity as a teacher and brings to his profession many qualities which spell success. He ably supplements the work of his younger partner and important cases have been at various times entrusted to their care.

In April, 1911, he was appointed city attorney for the city of Chippewa Falls, which position he still holds. During his incumbency in office the rights and interests of the city have been guarded and protected in an exceptionally able and fearless manner, and his prudence, tact and vigilance have annually saved thousands of dollars for his city. He resides at No. 21 North Prairie street, Chippewa Falls. Mr. Murphy is a member of the Catholic church and is well known in the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

GEORGE E. BEESTON.

George E. Beeston, carrying on dairy farming upon a highly improved tract of eighty acres on section 19, Lafayette township, was born in Adams county, Wisconsin, October 4, 1862, and is a son of Reuben and Sarah A. (Williamson) Beeston. The father came from England in 1852 and settled in Cook county, Illinois, whence he moved in pioneer times to Adams county, Wisconsin. There he took up a homestead claim of wild land, which he improved by clearing the brush and timber and breaking the soil, afterward carrying forward the work of development along practical lines. He served in the Union army during the Civil war and was at all times progressive and public-spirited in matters of citizenship, serving as chairman of the township board of Monroe township and as poor commissioner of Adams county. He died in 1904, at the age of seventy-eight, and is buried in the Strongs Prairie cemetery, Adams county. His wife survives him and makes her home at Nekoosa, at the age of eighty years.

George E. Beeston acquired his education in district school in Adams county and in high school at Necedah, from which he was graduated at the age of nineteen. He afterward assisted his father with the work of the farm until he was thirty-one years of age and then rented land until he bought his present property. This comprises eighty acres and under his able management has been increased to eight times its original value. He specializes in dairying and keeps a large herd of Jersey cattle for this purpose, his dairy products commanding a high price and a ready sale upon the market.

In Monroe township, Adams county, on the 4th of October, 1893, Mr. Beeston was united in marriage to Miss Edith Ayers, a daughter of J. B. Ayers, a pioneer farmer of that section, who died in 1898 and is buried in South Burr Oak cemetery in Richfield township. His wife survives him and makes her home at Coloma. Mr. and Mrs. Beeston became the parents of two children, Gladys E. and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Beeston is a devout member of the Methodist church. He is a republican in his political beliefs and is especially interested in the educational advancement of the county, serving at the present time as clerk of the district school

board. As a resident of this township he is loyal in his advocacy of everything pertaining to its welfare and has made some substantial contributions to its development and progress.

ANTON TUSCHL.

Farm work claims the time and energy of Anton Tuschl who in the development of his place is specializing in the raising of grain. He owns a good tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres on section 9, Howard township and he possesses the spirit of enterprise and resolution, characteristic of the German race. He arrived in Chippewa county in 1908, coming direct to this section upon his arrival in the new world. He was born in Germany in the year 1855 and is a son of Leonard and Maria Tuschl, both of whom spent their entire life in Germany.

The schools of that land afforded Anton Tuschl his educational opportunities, but his advantages were somewhat limited, for he left school at the age of twelve years. His time was then given to assisting his father, with whom he worked until he reached the age of twenty-five years, after which time he hired out as a farm hand, being thus employed until he determined to come to the new world. He had heard favorable reports concerning the opportunities offered in America and hoping to improve his condition, he bade adieu to friends and fatherland and sailed for the United States. He has never had occasion to regret this step and during his residence here he has made continuous advancement. He is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land, pleasantly situated in the vicinity of Colfax. All modern improvements and equipments are found upon his farm and everything about the place indicates his careful supervision and progressive methods. He has erected a substantial residence and good farm buildings, and the place presents a neat and thrifty appearance. He devotes his land to the raising of grain and annually harvests good crops.

He belongs to the Catholic church and is interested in matters pertaining to the welfare of the county along many lines. Although he has been a resident of this section of the state for but a comparatively brief period, he has become well known and has gained many friends during the past five years.

WILLIAM McILQUHAM.

William McIlquham has been a resident of Chippewa county for the past three decades and is a substantial and representative agriculturist of Anson township, owning a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 11, township 29. His birth occurred near Drummond, Lanark county, Ontario, on the 16th of September, 1859, his parents being James and Mary (Spalding) McIlquham, both of whom are deceased and lie buried in the Lanark cemetery of Ontario. The father, who was successfully engaged in farming throughout his

active business career, passed away near Drummond. Lanark county, in 1901, when seventy-eight years of age, having for eight years survived his wife, who was called to her final rest in 1893, at the age of seventy-one. The family is of old Scotch origin.

William McIlquham, in the acquirement of his education, attended various schools in his native province, leaving the agricultural college at Guelph, Ontario, when a young man of nineteen years. He afterward assisted his father in the operation of the home farm for a time and subsequently crossed the border into the United States, securing employment in the lumber woods and being thus engaged during fourteen winter seasons. In the summer months he worked on the railroad or at general carpentering in Wisconsin and in the Rocky mountains. It was in the year 1891 that he purchased the farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he now operates in Anson township, Chippewa county, which was at that time partially improved but had no buildings. As the years have gone by Mr. McIlquham has brought the land to a high state of cultivation and has erected all of the buildings on his property, which in its neat and attractive appearance indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner. The prosperity which he now enjoys is but the merited reward of his well directed industry, untiring perseverance and capable management.

On the 8th of October, 1896, at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Mr. McIlquham was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Brainard, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Brainard. The father, an early pioneer of this county, is still living at the age of eighty-five years, but the mother is deceased and lies buried in the Anson cemetery. Our subject and his wife have seven sons, as follows: William A., who assists his father in the operation of the home farm; James A., John Dowie and Walter S., all of whom are attending school; David Theodore; Robert A.; and Lawrence.

In his political views Mr. McIlquham is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Church of Zion. He is an enterprising and progressive citizen and has well earned the confidence and esteem not only of the people of his own township but of the well disposed citizens in the county.

PATRICK O'DONNELL.

Patrick O'Donnell needs no introduction to the readers of this volume for since 1884 he has resided in Chippewa county and during the entire period of his active life has been connected with agricultural pursuits here. He was born in Peterboro, Canada, September 23, 1870, and is a son of Patrick and Margaret (Ryan) O'Donnell, the former of whom engaged in farming in Canada. He came with his family to Chippewa county in 1884 but died one year later, at the age of sixty-three. His wife survived him until 1899, dying when she was fifty-eight years of age. Both are buried in Mount Calvary cemetery, Chippewa Falls.

Patrick O'Donnell acquired his education partly in Canada and partly in the district schools of Chippewa county. He laid aside his books at the age

of seventeen and afterward worked during the winter months in the lumber woods, spending his summers assisting in the operation of his mother's farm. After her death he inherited half of the property and he bought the other half from her brother Peter, his holdings now comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 29, Lafayette township. Upon this he has made excellent improvements, erecting a good residence, a large barn and other buildings, and he has worked diligently and capably to attain the success which he now enjoys.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 14th of October, 1903, Mr. O'Donnell was united in marriage to Miss Dell Thibeau, a daughter of Telesphore Thibeau, a native of Kankakee, Illinois, who engaged in farming for a number of years. He and his wife now reside in Chippewa Falls.

Mr. O'Donnell is a member of the Holy Ghost Catholic church, is a democrat in his political beliefs and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and St. Joseph's society. There are few citizens of this county more widely and favorably known than he, for his enterprise has carried him forward into important relations with agricultural interests and his friendly spirit and unfailing courtesy have gained him the warm and lasting regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

FRANK J. LAVELLE.

Frank J. Lavelle, prominently connected with business interests of Cadott as a dealer in harness, buggies and farm implements, was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, April 1, 1871. He is a son of Patrick and Nora (Culbert) Lavelle, the former born in Ireland in 1833 and the latter in Canada in 1834. The father emigrated to the Dominion in 1854, working as a laborer there for some time, after which he moved to Michigan, where he spent five years. He then moved to Eau Claire, this state, engaging in the lumber business there until his death, which occurred on the 15th of July, 1901. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1875. To their union were born three children, Frank J., Anna L. and one who died in infancy.

Frank J. Lavelle acquired his education in the public schools of his native city, laying aside his books when he was fifteen years of age. He afterward learned the harness-making trade, working at it for five years in Eau Claire. In 1890 he came to Cadott, where he became connected with H. W. Frase in the latter's harness shop. After three years Mr. Lavelle purchased the enterprise and has since added a line of buggies and farm machinery. He controls an important and growing patronage, which has been accorded to him in recognition of his well selected stock of goods, his reasonable prices and his honorable and straightforward business methods. He owns two business houses in Cadott and is vice president of the State Bank of the city, his ability being known and recognized in business circles. He is also connected with agricultural interests of his locality as the owner of one hundred and twenty acres in Sigel township.

Mr. Lavelle was married on the 12th of September, 1892, to Miss Jennie Snyder, a daughter of Richard and May (Sharp) Snyder, the former foreman

in the spoke factory of the Clarke Manufacturing Company in Cadott. Mr. and Mrs. Lavelle have become the parents of two children: Harry, who was born in 1900 and who died in 1901; and Doris, born February 23, 1904.

Fraternally Mr. Lavelle is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Equitable Fraternal Union, the Owls and the Beavers. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He was for five years a member of the village board and served as president of the school board for fifteen years, the cause of education finding in him a loyal and able supporter. He was also for twelve years chief of the fire department of Cadott. His enterprise and industry have carried him forward into important relations with business affairs and he has won for himself a most creditable reputation by his enterprise and reliability in every relation in which he has been found.

HENRY G. MEIDER.

Henry G. Meider owns a fine dairy farm of eighty acres on section 27, Lafayette township, and by well directed efforts and practical labor has gained a success which places him among the substantial and prosperous agriculturists of his locality. He was born in Washington county, this state, February 22, 1865, and is a son of Martin and Margaret (Schlicher) Meider, the former of whom came from Germany in 1852 and settled on a tract of wild land in that locality. With characteristic energy he cleared the timber from his farm, broke the soil and carried forward the work of improvement and cultivation, becoming a successful farmer and a representative citizen. He and his wife had six children: Henry G., of this review; John, who resides upon the homestead; Margaret, the wife of Charles Holly, a farmer in Columbia county; Gotlieb, engaged in farming in Lafayette township; and Leonard and William, both of whom died in Waukesha, Wisconsin. The former is buried in that city and the latter was laid to rest in the Erin cemetery, Washington county. The father of the subject of this review passed away in 1885 and he is also buried in the Erin cemetery. His wife survives him and resides upon the home farm.

Henry G. Meider received a very limited education, for even before he left school he spent a great deal of time assisting his father with the work of the homestead and when he was fourteen years of age laid aside his books in order to give all of his attention to farm labor. At the end of seven years he became an employe of the Wisconsin Central Railroad, working in various capacities for four years, after which he bought a farm of eighty acres on section 27, Lafayette township. Upon this property he has since resided and he has erected upon it a comfortable residence, good barns and substantial outbuildings. He engages in dairy farming, keeping a fine herd of milch cows, and he has been very successful, because his methods have always been practical and farsighted.

In Chippewa Falls, August 29, 1900, Mr. Meider was united in marriage to Miss Mary Morin, a daughter of Michael and Julia Morin, who came to Chippewa county in 1868. The father has since engaged in farming and carpentering and is one of the earliest living settlers in this county. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1904 and are among the

best known and most highly respected residents of this community. The father has reached the age of eighty and the mother is seventy-nine years of age. In their family were five children besides the wife of the subject of this review: Dr. John B., of Detroit, Michigan; Julia, the widow of Paul Felix, a contractor of Chippewa Falls; Napoleon, who died at the age of twenty-eight and is buried in Sagniaw, Michigan; Michael, who has passed away and is buried in Stratford, Canada; and Artemus, deceased, who is buried in Chippewa Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Meider have four children: William and Henrietta, who are attending school; Edna; and Rene.

Mr. Meider is a member of the German Lutheran church and is independent in his political views, voting for men and measures without regard to party lines. Upright character and sterling worth have gained him a favorable place in the regard of many friends and Lafayette township numbers him among her valued and representative citizens.

CHARLES F. SCHULTZ.

Charles F. Schultz, a representative of a well known pioneer family of Wisconsin and one of the most prominent and substantial agriculturists of Sigel township, owns and operates a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres on sections 28 and 29, a property upon which he has resided since he was three years of age. He was born in Washington county, this state, September 6, 1859, and is a son of Carl and Johanna (Borchardt) Schultz, natives of Germany, the former born March 5, 1816, and the latter in 1822. The father came to Jefferson county, Wisconsin, about the year 1855, moving into Washington county three years later. He later took up a government homestead claim in Sigel township acquiring eighty acres of land and moved with his family to that township, this county. The journey was made with ox teams over a road which the men of the party chopped through the brush and timber in order that the carts might pass through. This is now the upper or north road to Chippewa Falls from the Chippewa bridge to a point on section 28, township 29, range 6 west, where the farm upon which the family settled in pioneer times is located. The father continued to reside in Chippewa county until his death, which occurred in 1910. He had survived his wife ten years. Twelve children were born to their union, as follows: August; Minnie; Caroline; William, who has passed away; Augusta; Henrietta; Bertha; Charles F.; Henry; Amelia; August; and one who died in infancy.

Charles F. Schultz was reared upon his father's farm in Sigel township and attended district school until he was fifteen years of age. Even before laying aside his books he assisted with the operation of the homestead and in 1881 assumed entire charge of the property. This he inherited after the death of his parents and he still owns the place, which is one of the finest and best-improved farms in Sigel township. The property comprises two hundred and forty acres and lies on sections 28 and 29 and upon it Mr. Schultz engages in general farming and stock-raising, keeping fifty hogs, twenty-eight head of Durham cattle and nine horses. He also specializes in dairying and his interests

are all carefully conducted, so that he is meeting with that success which always follows earnest and persistent labor.

At Chippewa Falls, on the 24th of April, 1883, Mr. Schultz was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Spaeth, a daughter of Gottlieb and Barbara (Meyer) Spaeth, the former a well known farmer, who was a companion of the father of the subject of this review on the overland journey into Chippewa county. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz have four children. Annie married Frank Filtz, identified with the firm of Filtz & Sons, box manufacturers in Cadott. They have one son, Walter. The other members of the Schultz family are Arthur, Laura and Walter.

Mr. Schultz is a member of the German Lutheran church and a republican in his political beliefs. For over thirty years he was treasurer of the school board and he served for two years as supervisor and for one as assessor, discharging his public duties in a capable, conscientious and efficient way. He is one of the most highly esteemed and respected farmers of Sigel township and holds the confidence and regard of his neighbors and friends.

ADAM HAAG.

Adam Haag is now living retired in Delmar township after many years of close and prominent connection with agricultural interests of this locality. The farm upon which he resides comprises one hundred and sixty acres lying on section 36, township 29, range 6 west, and upon it he has made his home since he was twenty-one years of age, making during that time many substantial contributions to agricultural development and progress. He was born in Germany, December 9, 1844, and is a son of George A. and Rosina K. (Schmidt) Haag, also natives of that country, the former born August 8, 1804, and the latter in 1811. The father was one of the early settlers in Wisconsin, having come to Washington county, this state, in 1854. He moved to Chippewa county in 1864 and made his home with his sons until his death in 1872. He was a man of great benevolence and kindness of spirit and his passing was deeply regretted by his many friends. He and his wife became the parents of six children: Joseph, Mary and Casper have passed away; John is a retired farmer, living in Cadott. He married Miss Anna C. Webert and they have twelve children. Katherine is a resident of Oklahoma. She married George Meinhard who died in 1902, leaving seven children. Adam is the subject of this review.

Adam Haag acquired his education partly in Germany and partly in the public schools of Washington county, whither he moved with his parents when he was still a child. At the age of fourteen he laid aside his books and afterwards assisted his father with the work of the farm until he was twenty-one. He then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 36, township 29, range 6 west, and upon this property has resided continuously since that time. When it came into his possession the land was wild and unimproved, but with characteristic energy he set himself to the work of developing it, clearing it of a heavy growth of timber and building upon it a small log cabin. In this dwelling all of his children were born with the exception of his youngest daughter, Ernestina,

whose birth occurred in the fine modern home erected in 1891. Mr. Haag worked steadily and persistently in the development of his farm, carrying forward the work of improvement along progressive and practical lines, and the years brought him gratifying and well deserved success. Eventually he laid aside the cares of active life and since that time has lived in retirement, enjoying the fruits of his industry and enterprise in the past.

In Sigel township, March 1, 1870, Mr. Haag married Miss Mary Rosenthal, a daughter of Gottlieb and Constantina (Gauzel) Rosenthal, the former a pioneer blacksmith of Chippewa county. Gottlieb Rosenthal was twice married and had four children by his first wife, who died in 1857. Fifteen children were born to his second union. He died in 1889 at the age of seventy-four. Mr. and Mrs. Haag became the parents of eleven children: George, who has passed away; Gottlieb, who married Miss Ida Speath and who resides in Boyd; Henry, also deceased; John; Margaret, who has passed away; and Jacob, Mary, Philip, Christian, Frederick and Ernestina.

Mr. Haag is a devout member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has witnessed a great deal of the development of this section of the state and may well be proud of the part which he has taken in promoting its advancement, for he brought an unimproved tract of timber land to a high state of cultivation, making it one of the finest farms in the county. He is now enjoying the fruits of his former toil, resting in the consciousness of a life well lived and of worthy work well done.

HERMAN F. KLEMKE.

Herman F. Klemke has been a resident of Chippewa county since 1882 and during the greater part of the intervening period has been closely identified with agricultural interests of Lafayette township. He owns today one hundred and sixty acres on section 27 and in its cultivation follows the most practical and progressive methods, resulting in the attainment of a gratifying success. He was born in Landsberg, Brandenburg, Prussia, September 2, 1856, and is a son of August and Anna (Lubich) Klemke, natives of that province. The father has passed away and is buried in Kernein, Brandenburg, Prussia, and his wife survives him, making her home with her son August in her native country.

Herman F. Klemke acquired his education in Germany and laid aside his books at the age of fifteen. He afterwards worked at anything which would bring him an income until 1882, when he crossed the Atlantic to America, settling first in Chippewa Falls. There he secured a position in the planing mill operated by the Chippewa Lumber and Boom Company and he remained with this concern for twelve years thereafter, spending the latter portion of this time in their saw-mill. During this period he acquired some property, which he traded for a farm on section 27, Lafayette township, and upon this he has since resided, giving his attention to mixed farming and dairying. Throughout the years he has steadily carried forward the work of improvement and development, clearing every foot of his property and erecting a fine residence and other substantial buildings. He has

met with gratifying success in his farming operations and has won a prominent place among Chippewa county's progressive and able agriculturists.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 26th of August, 1882, Mr. Klemke was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Ross, a native of Germany, and they have become the parents of seven children: Mary, the wife of Fred Ellis, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Emma, who married Gus Klages, a farmer in the same state; Bertha, who became the wife of George Warner, a carpenter in Pleasantdale, New Jersey; William, who is assisting his father; George, attending school; Fred, who died at the age of eight; and Frieda, who passed away when she was six years of age. The two last named children are buried in the Lafayette cemetery.

Mr. Klemke is a member of the German Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is one of Chippewa county's enterprising men and has contributed much in thirty-one years to the general welfare of the community, being numbered today among its most representative and substantial citizens. In the fall of 1912 Mr. and Mrs. Klemke visited his old home in Prussia, remaining abroad for four months. He met many old friends, schoolmates and relatives and thoroughly enjoyed his visit. Being a progressive, up-to-date American farmer, he expected to tell them "a thing or two," but found that in many instances they were even farther advanced than the American farmers and friends that were poor during his boyhood were now rich.

JOSEPH H. KELLY.

Joseph H. Kelly, one of the most extensive landowners and prominent agriculturists of Chippewa county, residing on section 31, Eagle Point township, is the owner of one thousand acres of valuable land. He is engaged in mixed farming and dairying and also owns and conducts an elevator at Eagle Point. It was in the year of 1881 that he came to this county from Canada, in which country his birth occurred February 4, 1863, his parents being Thomas and Eliza (Murray) Kelly. The mother, who passed away in 1868, was buried in Canada, but the father still survives and now makes his home in Chippewa Falls.

Joseph H. Kelly attended school in his native country until fourteen years of age and after putting aside his text-books began working in the woods, being thus employed for about twenty-six years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and has since followed farming on section 31, Eagle Point township, Chippewa county, owning one thousand acres of rich and productive land. He is engaged in mixed farming and dairying and keeps about thirty-two head of horses, two hundred head of cattle and fifty hogs. Mr. Kelly erected the residence and other buildings which adorn his property and is widely recognized as one of the most prosperous and progressive citizens of the community. He owns an elevator at Eagle Point and in its conduct has also met with success.

In 1893, at Eagle Point, Mr. Kelly was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Bartlett, a sister of H. V. Bartlett. Our subject and his wife have three children, namely: Murray T., Joyce and June, all of whom are now assisting their father.

In his political views Mr. Kelly is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. He is widely known in Chippewa county, where he has resided for almost a third of a century and where his genuine personal worth, high integrity and straightforward principles have gained for him the good-will, trust and respect of all with whom he has been associated.

JOHN A. HILP.

John A. Hilp, who during the thirty-two years of his residence on his farm on section 27, Lafayette township, has by hard work and intelligent management made that one of the finest and best improved properties in Chippewa county, was born in Sulzfeldt, Baden, near Bingen, Germany, March 26, 1856. He is a son of Andreas and Regina Hilp, also natives of that community, where their deaths occurred.

John A. Hilp acquired his education in the public schools of Germany and laid aside his books at the age of fourteen. He then assisted his father with the work of the farm until 1881, in which year he emigrated to America. Settling in Chippewa county, he worked for one year at farm labor and then purchased forty acres of land on section 27, Lafayette township. This tract was covered with timber and stumps, which he was obliged to clear before the work of cultivation could be begun. However, he applied himself to this task with characteristic energy, pursuing the most practical methods and finally developing a valuable and productive property. From time to time he added to his holdings, accumulating four hundred acres of excellent land, which he improved with a comfortable residence and substantial farm buildings. Half of his holdings he has of late years divided among his children, retaining two hundred acres in Lafayette township, where he engages in mixed farming and dairying.

In Germany, on the 22d of April, 1880, Mr. Hilp was united in marriage to Miss Christine Friedrich, and they have become the parents of six children: William; John, who is assisting his father; Albert, a farmer in Chippewa county; Henry, also aiding in the operation of the homestead; Alice, at home; and Emma, who married Oscar Buthenhoff, who is assisting the subject of this review.

Mr. Hilp is a member of the German Lutheran church and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He stands high in business and social circles and is well known in Lafayette and adjoining townships.

BRYAN GORMLEY.

Among the energetic, successful and progressive farmers of Lafayette township is Bryan Gormley, the owner of a fine property of one hundred and twenty-acres on section 33, where he has resided for twelve years. He has lived in Chippewa county since 1879 but was born in Turin, Lewis county, New York, October 22, 1844, his parents being Bernard and Alice (Earley) Gormley. The

father was born in New York state and there engaged in farming for a number of years, dying in 1871. His wife survived him four years and they are buried side by side in the Constableville cemetery in New York. The Gormley family is of English origin and its representatives have been in the United States for several generations.

Bryan Gormley acquired his education in the public schools of Constableville, but his opportunities along this line were limited, for he laid aside his books at the early age of fourteen years. He has, however, made up for the deficiencies of his early training by constant reading and study in mature years. After leaving school he assisted his father on the farm until he was twenty years of age and then purchased the homestead, which he cultivated and improved for a number of years thereafter. In 1879 he came to Chippewa county and here worked for fourteen years at carpentering and contracting, meeting with that success which is the natural result of earnest, well directed and persistent labor. He subsequently acquired his present farm, the cultivation of which takes up his sole attention.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 15th of February, 1898, Mr. Gormley was united in marriage to Miss Eva Wilcox, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilcox of this county, the former of whom died in 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Gormley have become parents of a daughter, Eva E. Mr. Gormley is a member of the Roman Catholic church. He is independent in his political views and interested in the growth and welfare of the county, although his attention has been largely concentrated upon his business affairs, in which he has met with substantial and gratifying success.

GEORGE HARTMANN, SR.

George Hartmann, Sr., one of the respected citizens and prominent agriculturists of Tilden township, where he owns a valuable farm of three hundred and sixty acres on section 2, has been a resident of Chippewa county for almost six decades. It was in January, 1855, that he came to this county. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, on the 31st of March, 1837, his parents being Jacob and Katherine (Russell) Hartmann, who lie buried in Bavaria, having passed away when our subject was but four years old. He attended school in Bavaria until fourteen years of age and remained in that country two years longer, being sixteen at the time he crossed the Atlantic to the new world on a sailing vessel which was forty-three days making the voyage. He landed in New York in July, 1853, and from there went to Chicago, and later to Iowa, coming to this county in January, 1855, as previously stated.

During the first fifteen years of his residence in this state Mr. Hartmann engaged in logging and for three years of that time had his own logging camp. He subsequently turned his attention to farming, homesteading forty acres and purchasing various tracts from time to time until he now owns a fine farm of three hundred and sixty acres in Tilden township which has remained in his possession continuously since. He is successfully engaged in mixed farming, keeping about eleven horses, forty head of cattle and thirty hogs. The residence

and other buildings on the place which were erected by him enhance the value and attractiveness of the property.

In 1859, in Chippewa county, Mr. Hartmann was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Rander, a daughter of Francis and Mary Rada, both of whom passed away and were buried in Bohemia. Eleven children were born of this union, as follows: Joseph, who is engaged in farming in Howard township; Frank, who follows farming in Tilden township; George, Jr., a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work; Phillip, a machinist of Chippewa Falls; Paul, who makes his home in Auburn township; Godfrey, who assists his father in the operation of the home farm; David, a truck farmer of Washington, D. C.; Edward, a butter maker of Bloomer; John, who is engaged in business as a wagonmaker of Bloomer; Mary, the wife of Joseph Gerner of Chippewa Falls; and Louise, who died in 1882 and was buried in the Tilden cemetery. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1891 and her remains were interred at Tilden. In 1893, at Tilden, Mr. Hartmann was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary Swartz, who passed away in 1905.

Mr. Hartmann is a democrat in his political views and has ably served his fellow townsmen in various positions of public trust, having acted in the capacity of assessor, township treasurer, chairman of the township board and in several other offices. He is a devout communicant of St. Peter's Catholic church of Tilden and for about twenty-five years has served as treasurer thereof. Coming to the new world as a youth of sixteen years, he eagerly availed himself of the opportunities here afforded and has worked his way steadily upward to a position among the substantial and most respected citizens of his community.

JACOB F. KAPPUS.

Jacob F. Kappus, since 1903 connected with agricultural interests of Chippewa county, is the owner of an eighty-acre tract of highly improved land on section 20, Lafayette township, and through his well directed labors and capable management has attained a gratifying degree of prosperity. He was born in Wabasha, Wabasha county, Minnesota, June 9, 1866, and is a son of Jacob F. and Fredericka (Wood) Kappus, both of German origin. The father was for many years a grain buyer and farmer and followed those occupations until the time of his death, which occurred in 1897, when he was seventy years of age. His wife passed away in 1894 and both were buried in the Maxwell cemetery, Buffalo county, Wisconsin.

Jacob F. Kappus began his education in the public schools of Reed's Landing, Wabasha county, Minnesota, and completed it in Buffalo county, Wisconsin. At the age of sixteen he laid aside his books and from that time until 1897 worked as a log driver on the river. He then purchased land and engaged in farming. This he afterward sold in order to purchase a fruit farm in Washington county. In 1903 he disposed of this property and removed to Chippewa county, where he bought eighty acres on section 20, Lafayette township. Upon this farm he now resides and he gives a great deal of time to its improvement, having erected

a large barn and other substantial buildings. He has also fenced his fields and raises the grains which in his judgment are best adapted to the soil and climate.

At Durand, Pepin county, this state, Mr. Kappus was married on the 14th of September, 1889, to Miss Alice Hyde, a daughter of Pliney and Mary (Gardner) Hyde. Her father, who was a millwright, carpenter and farmer, died July 12, 1912, at the age of eighty-six, and was buried in Maxwell cemetery, Buffalo county. Her mother passed away in 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Kappus have four children: Arthur and Violet, who are attending school; Jacob, Jr., and Mamie, aged two years.

Mr. Kappus is a member of the German Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party, serving at present as director of the school board. He is not only industrious and enterprising but is also a man of high moral character and is greatly esteemed throughout the township both as a farmer and business man.

DANIEL H. CAMERON.

Daniel H. Cameron has resided in Chippewa county since 1866 and has therefore witnessed practically its entire development. Since 1872 he has been closely connected with agricultural interests as the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 33, Lafayette township, and has been an individual factor in promoting growth and progress. He was born in Quebec province, on the Beaudet river, November 19, 1842, and is a son of Hugh and Flora (McDonnell) Cameron, the former also a native of Quebec. He was a son of Donald Cameron, one of the first settlers in that province, and the family has been well known near the river Beaudet for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cameron have passed away and are buried in that vicinity.

Daniel H. Cameron acquired his education in the public schools of his native district, laying aside his books at the age of fourteen years. He afterward spent a few years assisting his father with the work of the farm, and then began working in the lumber woods and on the river, continuing thus for five years. At the end of that time he left Canada and came to Chippewa county, where he resumed farming operations and also maintained his connection with lumbering until 1881. In 1872 he bought two hundred and forty acres of land on section 33, Lafayette township, of which at that time only four or five acres were cleared, but with characteristic energy Mr. Cameron set himself to the task of improving and developing his farm which as a result of his untiring labor soon became productive and valuable. Upon it he has erected a fine residence, good barns and a shed, all substantial and in good repair, his farm presenting one of the attractive features of the landscape in this locality.

In Chippewa Falls, on June 7, 1874, Mr. Cameron was united in marriage to Miss Levina Sloan, a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Daugherty) Sloan. The former was the first settler on 5 Mile creek, locating in that vicinity when the Indians were still numerous and when pioneer conditions prevailed everywhere. He and his wife have passed away and are buried in Lafayette cemetery. Mr.

and Mrs. Cameron have three children: Hugh, who is assisting his father; Sarah, at home; and Don, also aiding in the development of his father's farm.

Mr. Cameron is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is a democrat in his political beliefs. He takes an active part in public affairs and has held various positions of trust and responsibility, serving as supervisor for four or five years and as school director since the organization of the board. He has also been clerk and treasurer of the school board and the cause of education finds in him an able supporter. His worth is widely acknowledged, his enterprise having gained him distinction in agricultural circles and his excellent qualities of mind and character having won him the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and friends.

GUSTAVE ALBERT.

Gustave Albert, who has been a resident of Chippewa county for about a quarter of a century, is now successfully engaged in dairy farming in Holcombe township, owning a tract of land comprising sixty acres on section 3, township 31, range 6. His birth occurred in Saxony, Germany, on the 18th of December, 1872, his parents being Carl and Pauline (Fritche) Albert. The father still survives and makes his home with our subject, but the mother passed away in this county four years ago.

Gustave Albert came to Chippewa county as a youth of seventeen and secured employment in a sawmill and lumber camp at Estella. He was largely engaged in lumbering for a number of years or until 1909, when he began to develop the farm which is now his home, having purchased a slightly improved tract of sixty acres in Holcombe township in 1892. Thirty acres thereof are now cleared and under cultivation, and Mr. Albert devotes his attention to dairy farming with excellent results. He has erected a substantial frame dwelling and also a good barn on the property and is widely recognized as an industrious, honest and upright citizen whose success is well merited.

In 1909 Mr. Albert was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Nagler, a native of Germany, by whom he has two children, Charlotte and Mary. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, while in politics he is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. His good qualities, and they are many, have strongly endeared him to those with whom he has been associated and wherever he is known he is popular with a large circle of friends.

LOUIS MONDOUX.

For thirty-three years Louis Mondoux has been closely connected with agricultural interests of Chippewa county and during that time has made many substantial contributions to general progress, owning today a valuable and productive property. His land lies on section 28, Lafayette township, and comprises one hundred acres, all of which is in a high state of cultivation as a result of his intelligent care and management.

Mr. Mondoux was born in Serrell, Quebec, January 8, 1857, and is a son of Narcis and Elie (Levee) Mondoux, of French extraction. The father engaged in agricultural pursuits all during his active life, dying in 1893. He is buried in the Serrell cemetery, and his wife, who survived him until 1908, was laid to rest in St. Zephirin cemetery, Quebec.

Louis Mondoux acquired his education in his native province and laid aside his books at the age of thirteen. He afterward assisted his father with the work of the farm for five years and at the end of that time came to Chippewa county, where he has since resided. After working in the lumber woods for five years he turned his attention to farming, purchasing eighty acres of wild timber and brush land, which he cleared and brought to a high state of cultivation. This he afterward traded for forty acres on section 28, Lafayette township, and to this added another forty acres, which he had previously acquired, and another tract of twenty acres, his holdings aggregating one hundred acres of valuable land. When this came into his possession it was only partially cultivated, but he has steadily developed it since that time until it is today a productive and valuable property. It is provided with a comfortable residence and substantial barns and outbuildings, and modern machinery has been installed to facilitate the work of the fields. Mr. Mondoux engages in mixed farming, finding this method the most practical, and his well directed efforts have been rewarded by a substantial degree of success.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 22d of June, 1886, Mr. Mondoux was united in marriage to Miss Mary O'Donnell, a daughter of Patrick and Margaret (Wren) O'Donnell. Her parents were both natives of Ireland, the father born in Cork and the mother in Kerry. Mr. O'Donnell engaged in farming in Chippewa county for a number of years. He died in 1885 and was survived by his wife until 1898. Both are buried in Mount Calvary cemetery, Chippewa Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Mondoux have become the parents of eleven children: Louise M., who married Charles Bishop, of Chippewa Falls; Mamie G., Sarah A., and Dolores, all of whom reside in Duluth, Minnesota; Harold, who is assisting his father; Alice, a student in the high school; Milton, Cecilia and Loretta, who are attending district school; Joseph, who died at the age of four and is buried in Mount Calvary cemetery of Chippewa Falls; and Leo, who passed away in infancy.

Mr. Mondoux is a member of the Holy Ghost Roman Catholic church and gives a general allegiance to the democratic party, although at times he votes independently. He is a man of high social and business standing and is recognized as one of the most valued and progressive citizens of the community.

A. LAURSEN.

A. Laursen, a well known and enterprising agriculturist of Holcombe township, is the owner of a tract of land comprising eighty acres on section 20, township 31, range 6. His birth occurred in Denmark on the 5th of January, 1849, his parents being L. and Kerstine Laursen, both of whom passed away in Denmark. The father in his earlier life followed agricultural pursuits but later, moving from his original location, settled in Skovlyst, Smadkaeclund,

Denmark, where he successfully conducted a large summer garden and restaurant during the season from April 1st to October 1st. Mr. Laursen of this review still treasures a beautiful and large picture of his father's home.

A. Laursen spent the first twenty-three years of his life in the old world and in 1873 crossed the Atlantic to the United States. For two and one-half years he resided in Boston, Massachusetts, being a sailor, and on the expiration of that period made his way to Nebraska, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Stanton county. Because of the grasshopper scourge he sold the place, however, and returned to Denmark. In 1899 he once more came to America and took up his abode in Chippewa county, Wisconsin, working in the woods during the first winter. Subsequently he purchased eighty acres of unimproved land in Holcombe township and has resided on that tract continuously since. When it came into his possession five acres of the land were partly cleared and on it stood a little log house, twelve by twelve feet, with a bark roof. At the time of the assessor's first visit, Mr. Laursen had no table nor box to offer him on which to write. He was practically penniless when he landed on American shores and earnestly began the struggle for a livelihood. As the years have passed, success has attended his well directed efforts and he now has forty acres of his land under cultivation, a substantial and commodious frame residence and good log barns.

In Boston, Massachusetts, on August 27, 1873, Mr. Laursen was united in marriage to Miss Berget Kerstine Davison, a native of Denmark, by whom he has three children, as follows: Adolphine, the wife of Christ Johnson, of Chippewa county; Lawrence A., who is a resident of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and Rufus A., at home.

Mr. Laursen exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and in religious faith is a Lutheran. The sterling traits of his character are well known to his fellow townsmen, the great majority of whom number him as a friend. In the course of his business career he has encountered difficulties and obstacles that would have disheartened many a man of less resolute spirit, and has labored undauntedly and untiringly until he now occupies a place among the substantial and esteemed citizens of his community.

J. HOWARD BROWNE.

J. Howard Browne, junior member of the firm of Murphy & Browne, lawyers, at No. 100 North Bridge street, came to Chippewa county in September, 1906, from Vernon county, Wisconsin, where he was born on August 11, 1884. He is a son of Fenton J. and Belle L. (Latshaw) Browne, residents of Vernon county.

J. Howard Browne received his education at Mount Gilead high school of Mount Gilead, Ohio, which he left at the age of sixteen years in order to take up the profession of teaching. He was so occupied for two years, at the end of which time he entered the State Normal School at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, graduating in 1906. He then came to Chippewa Falls, where he taught for two years, going from here to Wisconsin University, where he studied in the law department for



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about two and a half years, graduating in 1910, at the end of which time he came back to Chippewa Falls and entered into a partnership with Mr. Murphy which still continues.

Mr. Browne is a democrat in his political views and gives his staunch support to the candidates and measures of that party. He is a member of the Catholic church and fraternally connected with the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He has achieved a wide reputation as an orator and in that connection is a member of the state lecture bureau for the Knights of Columbus. The talents of both Messrs. Murphy and Browne have found ready recognition and in the three years in which they have practiced in Chippewa Falls they have built up a reputation which connects them with much important legal business of the county.

M. A. HENRIKSEN.

M. A. Henriksen, who has resided in Chippewa county for more than three decades, and who enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the best agriculturists in the county, devotes his attention to dairy farming in Holcombe township and is the owner of a tract of one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 21, township 31, range 6.

He was born in Laurvik, Norway, on the 21st of November, 1867, a son of Knut Henriksen, likewise a native of that country, who brought his family to the United States in 1881. The latter first worked for one year in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and then came to Chippewa county, purchasing two hundred and eighty acres of wild land which was covered with standing hardwood timber. There was not a highway for miles, the district being still but sparsely settled and largely undeveloped. Knut Henriksen, who was a blacksmith by trade, devoted his attention to that occupation and to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. He built a house of six-inch hewed, planed and matched logs—the kind of dwelling common in his native land. On his farm in Holcombe township he spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1903 and being deeply and sincerely mourned as one of the substantial and respected pioneer settlers whose labors had contributed to the development and growth of the community in no small measure. In religious belief he was a Lutheran. It was in Norway that he wedded Miss Olea Frederickson, who is also deceased. Their children were ten in number, as follows: Henry, who is a resident of South Dakota; Anna, who is the widow of C. G. Olson and makes her home in Montana; M. A., of this review; Fannie, the wife of Elijah Coats, of Philip, Wisconsin; Fritz, who was married and who died on his way to Australia, being buried in the Sandwich Islands; Anton, who was drowned in the Chippewa river when sixteen years of age; C. A., who is deceased and of whom a sketch appears on another page of this work; and three who died in infancy.

M. A. Henriksen, who was a youth of fourteen when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, remained with them until they passed away. He came into possession of one hundred and twenty acres of the old homestead in Holcombe township, this county, and resides in the log house

which was built by his father and which is still a handsome and substantial dwelling. The other buildings are also well constructed and the place, in its neat and thrifty appearance, indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner. Mr. Henriksen is engaged in dairy farming and has won a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity in that connection.

On the 2d of April, 1904, Mr. Henriksen was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Albert, her father being Carl Albert, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume. Our subject and his wife have one child, Marie.

In his political views Mr. Henriksen is a republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls. That his life has ever been upright and honorable is indicated by the fact that the associates of his youth and early manhood are still numbered among his stanchest friends and admirers, and he well merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

HENRY MORRIS.

Henry Morris is a progressive and public-spirited man of Lafayette township, who since 1866 has been closely associated with the progress and development of this part of Wisconsin. As the years have gone by, through his agricultural interests and his hearty cooperation in every progressive movement, he has contributed to the general advancement and at all times has manifested a deep interest in whatever is calculated to promote the general welfare. He is now living on section 30, Lafayette township, where a valuable property of eighty acres does tribute to his care and industry. He is also entitled to representation in this volume as a veteran of the Civil war.

Mr. Morris was born in Sussex county, England, April 15, 1844, and is a son of Stephen and Annie Morris, both of whom passed away during an epidemic of cholera in 1849 and were buried in Niagara county, New York. He came to America with his parents when he was still a child and settled with them in Niagara county, where he acquired his education. He laid aside his books at the age of fifteen and then worked at farm labor in New York state until the outbreak of the Civil war. He volunteered for service in the Union army as a member of the Twenty-third New York Independent Battery and was sent to the front as private, taking part in many of the most important battles of the war. He received his honorable discharge at the close of hostilities July 15, 1865, at Buffalo, New York, and following this moved to Wisconsin, where he has since made his home. For fifteen seasons he worked in the lumber woods and on the rivers and then settled on a farm in Buffalo county, where he remained until 1892. He then purchased his present property on section 30, Lafayette township, finding the land at that time covered with a heavy growth of timber. This he cleared and with characteristic energy has since carried forward the work of improvement and development, owning today a productive and valuable farm.

In Buffalo county, this state, August 15, 1881, Mr. Morris was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Stoken, a daughter of Timothy and Adelia (Rouse) Stoken, the former of whom engaged in carpentering and farming for a num-

ber of years. He was also a veteran of the Civil war. Both parents have passed away and are buried in the North Brant cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have become the parents of one daughter, Daisy, who married James Moloney, a prominent farmer of this district.

Mr. Morris gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is connected fraternally with the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a man whose excellent moral character, industry and enterprise have given him a high standing in the community, of which he is acknowledged to be a representative and valued citizen.

CHRIST L. GOETZ.

Christ L. Goetz, a worthy native son and representative agriculturist of Chippewa county, is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on section 14, Sigel township. His birth occurred in this county on the 21st of June, 1871, his parents being Henry and Caroline (Grassle) Goetz. The father passed away on the 10th of December, 1909, but the mother still survives and resides on the old home farm, being well known and highly esteemed throughout the community.

In the acquirement of an education Christ L. Goetz attended school in this county until sixteen years of age and after putting aside his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home place, gaining a thorough knowledge of agriculture in all of its phases. In 1908 he started out as an agriculturist on his own account and has since cultivated a tract of land comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 14, Sigel township. He carries on mixed farming and keeps about nine head of horses, twenty cattle and ten hogs. The residence and other buildings on the property were erected by him, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place bespeaks the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

On the 6th of October, 1908, in Sigel township, Mr. Goetz was united in marriage to Miss Martha Grimm, a daughter of Herman and Minnie (Wohlbier) Grimm, who reside in that township. Our subject and his wife have three children, Victor, Anita and Lloyd.

Mr. Goetz gives his political allegiance to the republican party and in religious faith is a Lutheran. He enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance in the county where his entire life has been spent and has long been numbered among its substantial and esteemed citizens.

MICHAEL MEAGHER.

Michael Meagher, who has been a resident of Chippewa county for over a half century, has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and is now the owner of an excellent farm of two hundred and fifty-four acres on section 28, Eagle Point township. It was in 1859 that

he was brought to this county from Trempealeau county, Wisconsin, where his birth occurred on the 4th of April, 1854. His parents, Patrick and Mary (Flynn) Meagher, are both deceased and lie buried in Chippewa Falls.

Michael Meagher attended school in this county until seventeen years of age and afterward assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until the latter's death in the spring of 1892. He took possession of the property at that time and subsequently purchased a farm of two hundred and fifty-four acres on section 28, Eagle Point township, on which he has remained continuously since. His time and energies are devoted to mixed farming and he keeps about seven horses and fifty cattle. He is energetic and industrious in the conduct of his agricultural interests, and his carefully directed labors have brought to him well earned success.

In 1888, in Chippewa county, Mr. Meagher was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Manning, a daughter of Thomas and Bridget (Flynn) Manning, both of whom are buried at Chippewa Falls. Our subject and his wife have three children, namely: Lawrence, George and Theresa, all at home.

Mr. Meagher gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has ably served as chairman of the town board for about two years. His religious belief is that of the Catholic church, attending Notre Dame church of Chippewa Falls, and he is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Throughout almost his entire life he has made his home in Chippewa county and for a long period has been recognized as one of the most substantial and progressive citizens, receiving from all who are associated with him the respect due to one whose career has ever been upright and honorable.

PAUL H. FELIX.

Paul H. Felix, a progressive and practical farmer of Lafayette township, owning and operating one hundred acres of fine land on sections 21 and 28, is a native of Chippewa county, born January 29, 1873, his parents being Prest and Kate (Peloquin) Felix, both of French origin. The father was one of the first settlers in Lafayette township, having taken up a tract of heavy timber land in pioneer times. This he cleared and by hard work and intelligent management brought it to a high state of cultivation. During the course of a long, active and honorable life he won the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and friends and his death, which occurred in April, 1910, when he was seventy-five years of age, deprived Chippewa county of a representative citizen as well as an honored pioneer. He had survived his wife since 1908, her death occurring when she was fifty-nine years of age. Both are buried in Mount Calvary cemetery, Chippewa Falls.

Paul H. Felix was reared upon his father's farm and from his early childhood assisted with its operation, learning in this way the best agricultural methods and all the details of farm operation. At the age of fifteen he began working in the lumber woods during the winters, remaining at home during the summers, and he continued thus until 1904, when he purchased his present farm. He now owns one hundred acres of fine land on sections 21 and 28, Lafayette township,

and upon this engages in dairy farming, winning that success which always follows earnest labor and intelligent management.

Mr. Felix is a member of the Holy Ghost Roman Catholic church of Chippewa Falls and is independent in his political views, voting for men and measures without regard to party lines. Wherever he is known he is respected for his unfaltering allegiance to the principles of honorable manhood as manifest in business and social relations and in public-spirited citizenship.

LAWRENCE VERHULST.

Lawrence Verhulst, engaged in dairy farming in Holcombe township, is the owner of a tract of land comprising eighty acres on section 3, township 31, range 6. His birth occurred in Holland on the 24th of July, 1861, his parents being William and Jakoba (Joosse) Verhulst. In that country the mother died. Later in 1882, the family emigrated to the United States and located in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, near Oostburg. The father is still living.

Lawrence Verhulst spent the first twenty-one years of his life in the land of his nativity and then accompanied his father on his emigration to the new world. He worked as a farm hand and also in factories of Sheboygan for a number of years and subsequently cultivated rented land in northwestern Wisconsin for a few years. In 1906 he purchased a slightly improved tract of eighty acres in Holcombe township, Chippewa county, the property being located in section 3, township 31, range 6. He has since resided on that place and is successfully engaged in dairy farming. Twenty acres of the tract are now under cultivation.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life, Mr. Verhulst chose Miss Katie De Groot, also a native of Holland and a daughter of Cornelius De Groot, who is a resident of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. By this union there are five children, namely: Cornelius Anthony, Cora Martha, Elizabeth Mary, William Jacob, and Lawrence.

Mr. Verhulst was reared in the faith of the Dutch Reformed church, and in politics is socialistically inclined. His life is in harmony with his professions and those who know him entertain for him the highest regard because of his admirable qualities of heart and mind.

PATRICK A. BOYLE.

Patrick A. Boyle, a well known lumberman and farmer of Chippewa county, was born in Ingersoll, Ontario, July 29, 1860, and is a son of Patrick and Hannah (Walsh) Boyle, both of Irish origin. The father engaged in farming in Canada and later came to Wisconsin, where he lost his life by drowning. He is buried in Eau Claire, where his wife still resides.

Patrick A. Boyle acquired his education in the public schools of Eau Claire and laid aside his text-books when he was sixteen years of age. Immediately afterward he turned his attention to the lumber business and has since been

in some way connected with this industry, either as foreman of a camp or as an independent logger. He came to Chippewa county in 1908 and, although he has not abandoned lumbering, gives a great deal of his time and attention to his farming interests here. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of fine land on section 29, Lafayette township, and has made this a valuable and productive property, reflecting everywhere his careful supervision and practical labors.

In Eau Claire, on the 3d of November, 1878, Mr. Boyle was united in marriage to Miss Rose A. McKay, a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Muldoon) McKay, who were natives of Ireland and Rhode Island, respectively. The former was one of the first settlers in Eau Claire county and died there in 1870. His wife survived him until 1911 and both are buried in the Catholic cemetery in Eau Claire. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle became the parents of the following children: Helen, who was graduated from high school and afterward married Alfred Flagstad, a draftsman in Bradford, Ontario; William and Patrick, who are assisting their father; Paul, a student in high school; Gladys, also attending school; and Margaret and Lawrence, who died in infancy.

Mr. Boyle is a member of the Holy Ghost Roman Catholic church, of Chippewa Falls and is connected fraternally with the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin. He votes independently and is interested in the progress of his community, although his attention has largely been given to his business affairs, the capable management of which has brought him gratifying and well deserved success.

H. W. GARDNER.

H. W. Gardner, engaged in general and dairy farming, is the owner of a tract of land comprising two hundred and forty acres on sections 19 and 30, township 30, range 6. His birth occurred in the state of New York on the 28th of February, 1866, his parents being William and Anna Marie (Pauley) Gardner, the former a native of Germany. Their marriage was celebrated in the Empire state. William Gardner died eighteen years ago, passing away on the farm of his son in this county. His widow still makes her home with her son, H. W.

The boyhood of H. W. Gardner was spent in New York and his education was acquired in the common schools of that state. In 1883, when a youth of seventeen, he came to Chippewa county, Wisconsin, and here began working in the woods and sawmills. In 1884 he purchased a tract of eighty acres of wild land and undertook the task of development. As the years have passed and success has crowned his labors as an agriculturist he has made additional purchases of land until his holdings now embrace one hundred and sixty acres on section 30, township 30, range 6, and eighty acres on section 19. The property is lacking in none of the improvements and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century, and Mr. Gardner carries on both dairy and general farming with excellent results. He likewise owns a sawmill and has operated the same successfully for many years. He was also one of the successful loggers on the Chippewa waters for many years.

In Chippewa county Mr. Gardner was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Johnson, her father being Rufus Johnson, who is deceased and a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. Mr. Gardner is a democrat in his political views and for many years has held the office of chairman of the township board, making a creditable record in that connection. The period of his residence in this county covers three decades, and he has long been numbered among its prosperous and esteemed citizens.

RHINEHARDT GOETZ.

Rhinehardt Goetz, who devotes his attention to mixed farming with excellent success, is the owner of a well improved tract of land comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 24, Sigel township. Chippewa county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Sigel township on the 22d of September, 1880. His parents were Henry and Caroline (Grassle) Goetz. The demise of the father occurred on the 10th of December, 1909, but the mother still survives and resides on the old homestead farm.

Rhinehardt Goetz attended the public schools of his native township until seventeen years of age and subsequently assisted his father in the work of the fields until the latter's death. He then took possession of a part of the home place and has since been busily engaged in its operation, carrying on mixed farming and keeping three horses, three head of cattle and about one hundred and ten sheep which are principally pure blooded Shropshires. He erected his residence and other buildings and has gained recognition as an enterprising and successful young agriculturist of his native county.

On the 28th of December, 1909, in Sigel township, Mr. Goetz was joined in wedlock to Miss Louise Spaeth, a daughter of C. G. and Ernestine (Rosenthal) Spaeth. The mother, who passed away in 1895, lies buried in the Sigel cemetery, but the father still survives and makes his home in the town of Sigel. Our subject and his wife have one child, Alice. In his political views Mr. Goetz is a stanch republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. He has many friends in Chippewa county, among whom he is highly esteemed and respected.

JULIUS SIPPEL.

By hard work, intelligent management and persistent effort Julius Sippel has met with excellent success in the management of his two hundred and forty acre farm in Lafayette township and is numbered today among the most progressive and able agriculturists in his locality. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 13, 1867, and is a son of Henry and Margaret Sippel, who came to America in 1881 and settled in Chippewa county, where the father passed away in 1896, at the age of seventy. His wife survived him until 1900, she

also being seventy years of age at the time of her death. Both are buried in the Lafayette cemetery.

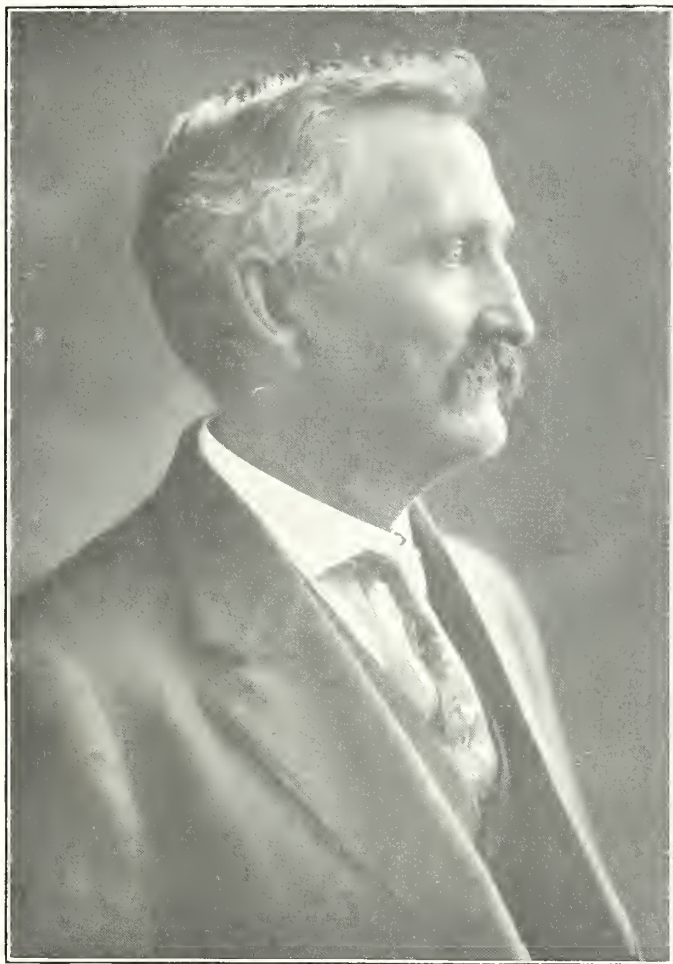
Julius Sippel acquired his education in his native country and in the public schools of Chippewa county, where he learned English. After laying aside his books he assisted his father with the work of the farm for some time and when he was nineteen years of age obtained employment in the iron mines, continuing thus for about eight years. He then purchased one hundred and twenty acres of good land and after developing this for some time bought two hundred and forty acres on section 36, Lafayette township, a property whereon he has since resided. He engages in mixed farming and has been very successful, his farm being today one of the best equipped and most valuable in this vicinity.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 29th of December, 1888, Mr. Sippel married Miss Lucinda Wells, a daughter of Romanzo and Harriet (Smock) Wells, the former a veteran of the Civil war. He makes his home in Washington and survives his wife, who is buried in Lafayette township. Mr. and Mrs. Sippel became the parents of five children: Emma, who lives at home; Elmer J., assisting his father; Harriet, at home; Alvin M., also aiding in the operation of the homestead; and Thomas A., who died in 1909 and is buried in Lafayette township. Mrs. Sippel passed away in 1908. Mr. Sippel is a member of the German Lutheran church and is independent in his political beliefs. He is numbered among the able and progressive men of this community and through industry and perseverance has acquired a high standing in agricultural circles.

EDWARD PORTER.

Edward Porter, who has conducted a real-estate business at Cornell since the spring of 1913, came to Chippewa county in 1877 and has therefore resided within its borders for more than a third of a century. His birth occurred in Durham, Quebec, Canada, on the 25th of May, 1853, his parents being William and Margaret Porter. The family is of Irish origin. William Porter, an agriculturist by occupation, passed away in 1893, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1896. Both are buried in Durham, Canada.

Edward Porter obtained his education in the place of his nativity and when a youth of fourteen put aside his text-books and secured a position as clerk in a general store, being employed in that capacity for some time. Subsequently he spent three years in railroad construction work in the state of Vermont and afterward did the same kind of labor in Duluth and Superior. His next removal was to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where he worked in the woods and later began logging in partnership with Warren Flint, maintaining that association for ten years and continuing in the business until 1900. In connection with his logging interests he also carried on farming until the year in which he established his present business enterprise. It was in the spring of 1913 that he embarked in the real-estate business at Cornell, where he has since conducted operations in that field with gratifying success, possessing a thorough and



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comprehensive knowledge of realty values and figuring in many important transactions.

On the 16th of September, 1882, at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Mr. Porter was united in marriage to Miss Jennie F. Kean, her father being I. H. Kean, a merchant of Eau Claire. The parents are both deceased and lie buried in Sumner, Washington, where Mr. Kean was engaged in fruit ranching. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have three children, as follows: Herbert T., who is a civil engineer by profession; Grace, the wife of Dr. Ostrie, of Merrill, Wisconsin; and Margaret, who attends the high school at Merrill, Wisconsin. Mr. Porter erected the family residence at Cornell.

In politics Mr. Porter is a staunch republican and an active worker in the local ranks of the party. He has served as chairman of the township of Holcombe for nine years and at present acts in the capacity of assessor and supervisor of Cornell, discharging his official duties in a prompt and capable manner. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Genial and kindly in nature, he fully appreciates his obligations to his fellowmen, and his honorable principles and upright manhood have won for him the high regard, confidence and good-will of all with whom he has come in contact.

PETER EMERSON.

Peter Emerson, who has been engaged in business as a cheese manufacturer of Chippewa county for the past seventeen years, resides in Arthur township, on section 19, township 30, range 6. He is now the proprietor of the Crescent Cheese Factory, which he purchased in September, 1911, and also conducts a general mercantile store in connection therewith. His birth occurred in Oconomowoc, Waukesha county, Wisconsin, on the 6th of October, 1873. His parents are now residents of Sigel township, Chippewa county, having lived here for more than a third of a century and being well known and highly esteemed throughout the community.

Peter Emerson, who was a little lad of six years when he came to this county with his parents, attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. He learned cheese making at Anson and for the past seventeen years has been engaged in that business. Four years ago he leased the Monroe Cheese Factory at Crescent and in September, 1911, bought the establishment, which is now known as the Crescent Cheese Factory. It has a capacity of eleven thousand pounds of milk per day, and its thirty-five patrons make an average delivery of five thousand pounds daily. When Mr. Emerson first took hold of the concern only three thousand pounds of milk were delivered daily. He makes an excellent quality of cheese and has won an enviable reputation in that respect. In connection with his factory he also conducts a general mercantile store and is accorded a liberal patronage because of his reasonable prices and well selected stock of goods. He is a man of good business ability and well merits the success which has attended his efforts both as a manufacturer and merchant.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Emerson chose Miss Julia Christianson, a native of Norway, by whom he has four children, namely: Evelyn, Karles, Laura and Albert. The religious faith of the family is that of the Lutheran church. The period of his residence in Chippewa county covers thirty-four years, and he has won and retained the regard and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances within its borders.

REV. JOSEPH J. CALLAHAN.

Rev. Joseph J. Callahan, pastor of Notre Dame church at Chippewa Falls, was born in Bay City, Michigan, January 7, 1878, and is a son of James and Ellen (Tuohy) Callahan, the former one of the old settlers in that city, where for many years he engaged in general merchandising. Both parents are living there now. The family is of Irish origin but its members have been in America for several generations.

Father Callahan acquired his primary education in the parochial schools of Bay City, Michigan, and afterward entered Pittsburg College of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1897. He then went to Rome, Italy, where he took a course in the Gregorian University, after which he returned to the United States and was ordained in 1904 to the Catholic priesthood in St. Vincent's Abbey, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Immediately afterward he became connected with educational interests as a professor of philosophy and theology in Philadelphia and he afterward was professor of classics in Pittsburg and for about seven years he was professor of philosophy and theology at Ferndale, Connecticut, resigning in August, 1912, when he was appointed pastor of Notre Dame church at Chippewa Falls. Since that time he has labored earnestly and untiringly in his new field and has accomplished a great deal of consecrated work among the Catholic people of the city, holding their love in large measure as he does the esteem and confidence of the people of all denominations.

THOMAS W. MELVILLE.

Among the members of the Melville family who are ably carrying forward the work which their father began in early times in the Melville Settlement is numbered Thomas W. Melville, who owns and operates one hundred and twenty acres on section 21, Lafayette township, and by intelligent management and careful cultivation has surrounded himself with a gratifying measure of success.

He was born in the section where he now resides August 27, 1865, and is a son of John C. Melville, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. He acquired his education in district school No. 4, laying aside his books at the age of sixteen. He afterward assisted his father with the work of the homestead until he was twenty-two and then spent a few years in the lumber woods. When he abandoned this occupation he purchased his present

property, finding thirty-five acres broken and the rest entirely unimproved. He now has the entire tract of one hundred and twenty acres under cultivation and has erected upon it excellent buildings, being entirely responsible for its present excellent condition. Mixed farming and dairying occupy his attention and he has made both branches profitable sources of income.

In Chippewa Falls, April 30, 1896, Mr. Melville was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Bennett, a daughter of James and Jane (Baker) Bennett. The former was an early settler in Anson township and for many years engaged in farming there. He died in 1903 and is buried in Sigel cemetery. His wife survives him and resides upon the homestead, being now over seventy years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Melville became the parents of six children: Irene, Morris, Raymond and Albert, who are attending school; Alice, deceased; and one child who died in infancy. The two latter are buried in the Lafayette cemetery.

Mr. Melville belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is a member of the school board and is interested in everything pertaining to the growth and development of the township and county. He has made many substantial contributions to agricultural progress and is regarded as an able farmer and a public-spirited citizen.

ANDREW METOTT, JR.

Andrew Metott, Jr., who has spent his entire life, covering almost a half century, within the borders of Chippewa county, is familiar with the history of this region from early days to the present and experienced many of the hardships and privations of pioneer times. He is successfully engaged in dairy farming in Arthur township, owning a tract of eighty acres on section 23, township 30, range 7.

His birth occurred on the old homestead in Anson township on the 19th of January, 1864, his parents being Andrew and Mary (Schnider) Metott, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work. He was reared to manhood on the home farm and when twenty-eight years of age was married and purchased the tract of eighty acres on which he has resided to the present time. About an acre and a half of the land was cleared, and the only building on the place was a little log house. Mr. Metott has cleared seventy-five acres of the tract and forty acres thereof are under cultivation. As a dairy farmer he has won success, at all times keeping in touch with modern and progressive methods. His buildings include a substantial log house and barns, and he is now contemplating the erection of a new residence. The farm as it is today furnishes evidence of the enterprise, thrift and ability of Mr. Metott, for it was merely a tract of wild land when it came into his possession. Twenty years ago he cut and hauled logs to Cadott and sold them for five dollars per M. At the present time he is obliged to pay sixty dollars per M. for the same kind of lumber. He sold oats for fifteen cents per bushel and wheat at forty-five cents, and well remembers the struggle for a livelihood

in pioneer days. As the years have passed, however, prosperity has attended his efforts and he is now numbered among the successful and esteemed citizens of his native county.

In 1892, in Chippewa county, Mr. Metott was united in marriage to Miss Caddy Bell, who was born in Richland county, Wisconsin, in 1872, her parents being Adam and Belinda (Bartels) Bell. The mother is deceased, but the father still resides on the farm in Arthur township which has been his home for about thirty years. Mr. and Mrs. Metott have five children, namely: Oscar, Fern, Donald, Malcolm and Harold. All are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Metott is a republican in his political views and has served as a member of the school board, the cause of education ever finding in him a staunch champion. He has always been a man of exemplary habits and strict integrity and in the course of his life has performed his part in advancing the true welfare of the community.

RICHARD G. BENNETT.

Richard G. Bennett, carrying on mixed farming upon a property of eighty acres on section 20, Lafayette township, was born upon this farm in an old cabin, which is still standing, August 28, 1878, his parents being Jonathan and Mary (Johnson) Bennett. The family is of Irish origin. Jonathan Bennett came from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, to Chippewa county in 1873 and purchased land in Lafayette township. He found his farm a wilderness, covered with a dense growth of heavy timber, and he was obliged to clear this before the work of cultivation could be begun. With the timber which he cut down he built a log house and resided in this for many years, becoming during the time a prosperous agriculturist and well known in public affairs. He died in 1898, at the age of fifty-five, and is buried in Lafayette cemetery. His wife survives him and makes her home with her son, the subject of this review.

Richard G. Bennett acquired a limited education in the district schools but is largely self-educated, having made up for his early disadvantages along this line by constant study and reading. On account of his father's ill health he was obliged to lay aside his books at the early age of twelve and to assist in the operation of the homestead, gradually assuming entire control. He has made all of the improvements upon the place, erecting a commodious residence and good barns and installing modern machinery. The farm is today a valuable property and worthy of comparison with the best in his locality. Mr. Bennett is also well known as the organizer of the Lafayette Creamery and has been secretary, treasurer and general manager of this concern since its foundation. He was also for three years secretary and treasurer of the Melville Settlement Telephone Company and his ability is recognized and respected in business circles.

Mr. Bennett is a member of the Episcopal church and is connected fraternally with the Masonic order, being a member of the blue lodge, chapter and commandery. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a staunch republican and has been very active in public affairs, serving as clerk of the school district for twelve years and being now in the

fourth term of his able service as township clerk. He is numbered among Chippewa county's most active and progressive native sons and his success has been worthily won and is well used.

ROBERT W. HENDRY.

Among the men who have been active in shaping the agricultural development of Chippewa county is numbered Robert W. Hendry, who since 1875 has lived upon his farm of two hundred and eighty acres on section 20, Lafayette township, bringing it by his untiring industry and well directed labor from a wilderness to a productive and modern property.

He was born near Dalhousie, in lower Canada, January 19, 1849, and is a son of William and Eliza (Stewart) Hendry, the former of whom was born in Scotland. He followed teaching in that country until 1832 and then came to America, settling in Canada, where he turned his attention to farming. He resumed this occupation in Chippewa county, whither he came in 1868, and he resided afterward with his son, the subject of this review. He died in 1889, at the age of seventy-four, and was survived by his wife, who passed away in January, 1897, when she was almost seventy years of age. Both are buried in Lafayette cemetery. They reared a family of ten children besides the subject of this review: Mary, the wife of Alfred Grammont, of Oregon; Elizabeth, who married A. J. Scholenberg, of Newport, Oregon; Rev. William, supervising pastor of the Presbyterian church; Peter S., a farmer in Scio, Oregon; Alexander, a dentist at Marshfield, Oregon; George H., following the blacksmith's trade at Holcombe, Wisconsin; Neil F., traveling salesman for the Lang Grocery Company of Eau Claire; Walter, a baker in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Anna, the wife of Fred Smith, a carpenter in La Moine, California; and James H., a bookkeeper in San Diego, California.

Robert W. Hendry is a self-made man, for from a very early age he has been entirely dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood. He acquired a meagre education in his native province, but, being the oldest son, was soon obliged to lay aside his books and begin working at something which would bring him an income. He came to Chippewa county in 1868 and until 1871 worked in the logging camps, later turning his attention to selling timber on his own account. He continued thus until 1897 but in the meantime had purchased his present farm, upon which he settled in 1875. It was practically a wilderness, only ten acres being broken, the remainder being covered with a dense growth of oak and poplar trees. These Mr. Hendry felled and then grubbed up the stumps, broke the soil and got it into condition for cultivation. The work of development has been carried forward steadily year by year until today two hundred acres have been wrested from the wilderness and are planted in the grains best adapted to the soil and climate. Upon this excellent property Mr. Hendry has made substantial improvements, erecting a fine residence and good outbuildings, all substantial and in good repair. He engages in general farming, specializing in the breeding of Holstein cattle, draft horses, Shrop-

shire sheep and Poland China hogs, his stock-raising interests being extensive and important sources of income to him.

In Eau Claire, December 25, 1881, Mr. Hendry was united in marriage to Miss Mary Douglas, a daughter of D. S. and Sarah (Cop) Douglas, the former a veteran of the Civil war and a pioneer in Chippewa county. He was a loyal supporter of the republican party and held various township positions, being a member also of the school board. He passed away and is buried in the Anson cemetery. His wife survives him and is living in Anson on the homestead at the age of eighty-five. Mrs. Hendry passed away June 9, 1895, at the age of forty-one, and is buried in the Lafayette cemetery. She left four children: Robert D., who is assisting his father; Bessie, the wife of Sam Wolf, a farmer in the Melville settlement; Marjorie, who married Dr. A. F. Brown, of Eau Claire; and Maud, residing at home.

Mr. Hendry is a devout member of the Presbyterian church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Since early times he has taken an active interest in public affairs, applying for and securing one of the first mail routes in Chippewa county. He has served on the township board and also as a member of the school board and has gained an enviable reputation for conscientiousness and energy in the public service. During the forty-five years he has lived in this county he has contributed substantially to the general development and progress, while his upright and honorable life has gained him the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

ROBERT SELB.

Robert Selb is a well known butcher of Cadott where he has been established in business since 1885. He was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, March 27, 1861, a son of Max and Elizabeth Selb, natives of Germany, the former born in 1835 and the latter in 1839. The parents came to America in 1861 and settled in this state, where the father followed the milling business until about 1874. He then removed to Eau Claire, remaining in business there for about three years. He next came to Chippewa Falls, where he remained about four years, and then removed to Cadott, living there until his death in 1892. His wife survived him until 1911. In their family were five children: Elizabeth, who died in 1860; Robert, of this review; Peter; Paul, who passed away in 1865; and John, who died in 1882.

Robert Selb acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire, attending until he was sixteen years of age. After laying aside his books he became connected with the butcher business in the capacity of clerk and so continued for ten years thereafter. At the end of that time he opened a shop of his own in Cadott and for the past twenty-eight years has been continuously in business in that city. He sells about fifty tons of meat every year and controls an important and representative trade, accorded to him in recognition of his fair and honorable business methods and his reasonable prices. In addition to his shop Mr. Selb owns a comfortable residence in

Cadott, four town lots, and a farm of forty acres on section 33, township 29, range 6, west.

At Boyd, Wisconsin, on Thanksgiving day, 1893, Mr. Selb married Miss Emma Lancour, a daughter of Mitchell and Matilda (Lavell) Lancour. Both parents have passed away, the father dying in 1909 at the age of ninety and the mother in 1907 at the age of eighty-seven. Mr. and Mrs. Selb have two children: Francis, who was born January 25, 1895; and Irene, who was born February 15, 1896.

Mr. Selb is a member of the Roman Catholic church. He votes independently, supporting men and measures rather than parties. For two years he served as trustee of Cadott and he proved a very capable public official, discharging his duties in a creditable and able manner. His ability is known and recognized in business circles and twenty-eight years of fair and honorable dealing have gained him a place among the representative and substantial business men of the city.

JOHN W. MELVILLE.

John W. Melville, who since 1881 has lived upon his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres in the Melville Settlement, has since that time developed this from a tract of wild land into a productive and valuable property, which annually returns him a gratifying income. He has lived in Chippewa county since he was eight years of age, his father having been one of the original founders of the Melville Settlement. Further mention of his career will be found on another page in this work.

John W. Melville was born in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, August 22, 1848, a son of John C. Melville. He acquired his education in his native county and in district school No. 4, Lafayette township, this county. He laid aside his books at the age of eighteen but even before this time had spent his summers aiding in the operation of the homestead. When he left school he went to the lumber woods, where he chopped and sawed wood, and later engaged in logging. During this time also he operated a threshing machine, these activities engaging his attention until 1881. In that year he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 29, Lafayette township, and since that time has carried forward the work of improving and developing that property. When he took up his residence upon it he found it a tract of wild land, with not even a road leading to it. He cleared the heavy timber and with the lumber which he cut down built a loghouse, in which he lived for many years. His perseverance and well directed labor were finally rewarded by success and his farm each year became more productive and valuable until today it is one of the finest properties in this section of the state. Mr. Melville engages in general farming and dairying and, being a progressive business man as well as an able agriculturist, has met with a gratifying measure of success.

In this township, February 7, 1878, Mr. Melville was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Hunt, a daughter of Joseph and Nancy Hunt, of Rochester, New York. Both are buried in the Mount Hope cemetery, that city. Mrs.

Melville passed away in February, 1894, leaving five children: Scott, of Point Richmond, California; Ernest W., a plumber in Oakland, that state; Nina N., the wife of Ben F. Babcock, of Kerriston, Washington; Bertha, who married Harry Emerson, a farmer in this district; and Stanley, who is assisting his father.

Mr. Melville is a member of the Episcopal church and a republican in his political beliefs. He takes an intelligent interest in community affairs and has been active in public life for the past forty years, during which time he has served as supervisor, assessor and member of the school board. His support is given always to worthy and progressive projects and his interests have lain along lines of progress and advancement, so that his activities have been important elements in the general growth.

MRS. IDA E. DICKINSON.

Mrs. Ida E. Dickinson is the owner of the Oak Ridge Farm on section 18, Anson township. The place comprises two hundred and sixty acres of land and is a well developed property which is being capably managed by Mrs. Dickinson, who is one of Chippewa county's native daughters. Her birth occurred in Chippewa Falls, October 25, 1858, her parents being Robert Ebright and Eleanor (Harris) Davis. The father was one of the old-time loggers of this section of the state, taking contracts for logging and he was also active in public affairs, serving as chairman of Anson township at the time of his death, which occurred in 1873. For about nine years he had survived his wife, who passed away in 1864. They had come to this county when there was hardly another white woman within its borders, Mrs. Davis being probably the third white woman in this section. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Davis responded to the country's call for troops and loyally defended the interests of the Union through the darkest hour in our nation's history. He enlisted on September 27, 1864, in Company B, Nineteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and was honorably discharged August 9, 1865. He was ever interested in the welfare of his comrades and when death called him he was laid to rest with military honors in Lafayette cemetery.

The daughter, Ida E. Davis, pursued her education in the schools of Chippewa Falls and afterward engaged in teaching for a few years but later remained at home and assisted in the household duties until her marriage, which was celebrated on the 25th of May, 1881, at Chippewa Falls. She became the wife of Ralph P. Dickinson, who was a farmer of this county. He, too, was a representative of one of the old pioneer families, his parents being Myron and Jane E. (Russell) Dickinson, who were early residents of the county. Both are deceased and their remains rest in Lafayette cemetery. The parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson went through the Indian scare in this county when all the white people congregated in the old Rosseau Hotel in the old French town, for protection. They found, however, that their fears were unwarranted and soon returned to their homes. All of the experiences, hardships and privations of pioneer life were known to the two families and in its early settlement they



MR. AND MRS. RALPH P. DICKINSON

bore an active and helpful part in the work of general development and improvement.

Ralph P. Dickinson was reared in this county and had the usual experiences of a farmer boy, acquiring a public-school education and being trained to the work of the fields. In 1886 he was elected superintendent of the county poor-house, and after eight years' capable service in that connection was elected to the office of superintendent of the county asylum, holding both offices. He was a very popular man and he was retained in those positions through democratic administrations, notwithstanding the fact that he was a stanch and stalwart republican. He was still filling office at the time of his death, which occurred November 13, 1909, when he was fifty-two years of age, his remains being interred in Lafayette cemetery. He enjoyed the respect and good-will of all who knew him and had a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances. He was devoted to the welfare and happiness of his family and all who knew him recognized his loyalty and his reliability.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson were the parents of three children. Dr. Carl Dickinson, the eldest, graduated from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and practised seven years in Wisconsin and Minnesota. On account of ill health he engaged in farming and is now in charge of his mother's farm. He married Ella Wagner, of Downing, Wisconsin, a daughter of August and Krug Wagner, the former a railroad man who resides in Downing. Mrs. Carl Dickinson is a graduate of the River Falls Normal School. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Dickinson has been born a son, Ralph. The second son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Dickinson was given his father's name. He is now a student in the high school. A daughter, Irma, is the wife of Delbert Hock, of Los Angeles, California. The family is one widely and favorably known in Anson township and other sections of the county. Mrs. Dickinson has spent her entire life here and has an extensive acquaintance. She has been an interested witness of the many changes which have occurred through the past half century and speaks with authority upon many points relating to the history of Chippewa county.

ANDREW METOTT, SR.

Andrew Metott, Sr., whose demise occurred in Arthur township on the 16th of January, 1907, was one of the early settlers of Chippewa county and devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, owning and operating a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 22 and 27, township 30, range 7.

He was born in the state of New York on the 8th of September, 1829, a son of Francis Metott, who was a native of France. When Chippewa county was still but sparsely settled and largely undeveloped, Andrew Metott came here and homesteaded eighty acres of land south of Jim Falls, being the earliest resident in that part of the county. Subsequently he disposed of the property and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of wild land on sections 22 and 27, township 30, range 7. No roads had been built and the region was still in its natural state. Mr. Metott erected a log house, improved his land and

later built the frame dwelling which is still standing on the place. Throughout the remainder of his life he gave his time and energies to general farming pursuits there, gaining recognition as one of the substantial and respected citizens of the community.

In Chippewa county, Mr. Metott was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Schnider, a native of Wisconsin, who passed away on the old home farm in 1881. They became the parents of seven children, as follows: Mary, who is the wife of Walter Williams and resides in Drywood, Wisconsin; Andrew, who is a resident of Arthur township; Amelia, who died at the age of fourteen years; Sarah, the wife of Charles Apley, of Idaho; Octavia, who gave her hand in marriage to Arthur Negus and makes her home in North Dakota; Peter, who lives on the home farm; and Philip, who wedded Miss Mary Scheidler and also resides on the old home place. Peter and Philip came into possession of their father's farm of one hundred and sixty acres and have since added forty acres to the same. They devote their attention to dairy farming and have about one hundred acres of the land under cultivation. All of the improvements on the property, including a frame residence and barn, were made by the Metott family. Peter Metott has spent his entire life in this county and is well and favorably known as one of its enterprising and progressive agriculturists.

Andrew Metott was a republican in politics, becoming a supporter of that party when it was formed and casting a vote for its first candidate. He was prominent in local ranks of the party and held the office of township treasurer for a number of years. Such in brief is the history of Mr. Metott, a man whose life at all times measured up to the highest standards and who, by his many splendid qualities, gained the respect, confidence and good-will of all who knew him.

WILLIAM JOHNSON.

William Johnson, one of the largest fruit growers in Chippewa county, owning and operating a fine fruit and dairy farm of one hundred acres on section 31, Lafayette township, was born in Rochester, New York, July 18, 1865, a son of Joseph and Isabelle (Williamson) Johnson. The father came to Chippewa county with his family in 1875 and purchased from a Mrs. Cornell an unimproved farm. It was covered with a dense growth of oak timber but this Mr. Johnson cleared and by diligence and well directed labor gradually developed a productive property. He enlisted for the Civil war but was rejected on account of a broken leg. For many years he continued to reside upon his property in Lafayette township, dying upon his holdings November 14, 1908, when he was seventy-eight years of age. His wife survives him, making her home with the subject of this review, and is now seventy-four years of age. The family is of very old Danish origin but its representatives settled in England many centuries ago.

William Johnson was ten years of age when he came with his parents to Chippewa county and he completed his education in the public schools of



this locality. At the age of thirteen he laid aside his books and afterward assisted his father with the work of the homestead, continuing thus until he was twenty years of age. He then traveled through the western part of this country for eight years and upon his return settled upon the property which he now operates. Since that time he has specialized in fruit and dairy farming, having put out over twelve hundred bearing trees, his orchard being the third largest in this part of the state. Since taking up his residence upon it Mr. Johnson has greatly improved his farm, erecting a comfortable residence and good outbuildings and neglecting nothing which will add to its appearance or value.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 10th of June, 1893, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Emerson, a daughter of Ole Emerson, one of the earliest settlers in this township. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children: Verner L., a graduate of the Chippewa Falls high school; and Eunice N., who is attending that institution.

Mr. Johnson is a republican in his political beliefs and is connected fraternally with the lodge, chapter and commandery of the Masonic order and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his family belong to the Episcopal church. He is well known throughout this part of Chippewa county, being a progressive citizen and a substantial and prosperous agriculturist.

JOHN TURECEK.

John Turecek, a well known and prosperous agriculturist of Arthur township, is the owner of a tract of eighty acres on section 31, township 30, range 6, and devotes his attention to dairy farming with excellent results. His birth occurred in Bohemia on the 13th of February, 1862, his parents being Joseph and Carolina Turecek, both of whom passed away in that country. He was one of a family of four children, and his three brothers are still residents of Bohemia.

When a young man of nineteen he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and afterward worked in rolling mills at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for a year and a half. His financial resources were very limited, and when married at Pittsburg he was obliged to borrow five dollars in order to pay the priest. His wife's people insisted that he establish a home in Wisconsin, and he therefore sold his furniture in Pittsburg for nine dollars. In this state he located at Leopolis, Shawano county, and in the struggle for a livelihood scorned no employment that offered an honest dollar. Subsequently he removed to Antigo, Wisconsin, and there worked in a sawmill, while later he lived in Duluth and also in Superior. Returning to Leopolis, Wisconsin, he there embarked in the saloon business and, the venture proving profitable, later came to Cadott, Chippewa county, with fifteen hundred dollars. In association with a partner he here engaged in business as a merchant but disposed of his interests for nine hundred dollars when he felt that he was being defrauded. He next purchased eighty acres of wild land on section 31, township 30, range 6, and has there

made his home to the present time. The property was only slightly improved when it came into his possession but is now neat and attractive in every respect, the buildings thereon being both substantial and modern. As above stated, he devotes his attention to dairy farming and in this branch of activity has won a well merited measure of success. In the course of his career he has encountered obstacles and difficulties that would have disheartened a man of less resolute spirit, but he has worked steadily on and has gained a place among the substantial and representative citizens of his community.

Mr. Turecek has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Annie Ashenbrener, a native of Bohemia, who died in Leopolis, Wisconsin, leaving him with nine children, some of whom were still quite small. Her death was his hardest blow, for she had been a faithful helpmate to him in his early struggles. Three years later, in Shawano county, he wedded Miss Mary Vomostek, likewise a native of Bohemia, by whom he has three children. The record of his family is as follows: Mary, who is the wife of George Bruner and resides at Eland Junction, Wisconsin; Joseph, who is married and makes his home at Wittenberg, Wisconsin; John, at home; Annie, who gave her hand in marriage to Rhinold Nitzel, of Shawano county; Charles, at home; George, who is a musician and an attendant in the asylum at Independence, Iowa; and Emma, Frankie, Mattis, Rosa, Ella and Wila, all at home.

Mr. Turecek gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as a member of the township board of supervisors for two years, while for a similar period he acted in the capacity of school director. His life work may well serve as an example to others who wish to attain success but must start out in life as he did, without capital or the aid of influential friends. Gradually he has worked his way upward and his efforts have been effective forces in the attainment of prosperity in this country, where "labor is king."

MATHIAS GOODMAN.

Mathias Goodman, one of the prosperous and representative agriculturists of Chippewa county, residing on section 36, township 30, range 7, is the owner of eleven forty-acre tracts in one body and has an excellent set of improvements thereon. His birth occurred in the grand duchy of Baden, Germany, on the 15th of April, 1848, his parents being Anton and Gertrude (Spath) Goodman. In 1873, when a young man of nearly twenty-six years, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States in a sailing vessel, the voyage consuming three weeks. He made his way to Chicago by rail and thence journeyed by rail to Eau Claire, coming from the latter place to Chippewa Falls by stage. After arriving in Chippewa county he worked as a farm hand and also in the woods. When his capital permitted he purchased eighty acres of wild land on section 24, township 30, range 7, improved the property and resided thereon for twenty years. In 1885 he became associated with his brother in the conduct of a store at Drywood, being thus actively identified with mercantile interests until he sold his share in the enterprise in 1896. In that year he bought land in section 36, township 30, range 6, and now owns eleven forty-acre tracts in one body. He carries on general farming with

excellent success and has a fine set of buildings on the place. As the years have passed his prosperity has increased until he is now numbered among the leading agriculturists of the community.

While still in Germany, Mr. Goodman was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Streabel, also a native of that country, with whom he attended school. Their children are as follows: Louise, who is the wife of Frank Gardner; Barney, an agriculturist of Arthur township; Lena, who gave her hand in marriage to Felix Sargent of Chippewa Falls; Charles, at home; Edith, the wife of Leo Sault, of St. Paul; Mary, the wife of Dr. Melby, of Portland, Oregon; and Emma and George, still under the parental roof.

In his political views Mr. Goodman is a democrat, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He and his brother were the principal donators in the building and maintenance of the St. Anthony's Catholic church at Drywood, of which he is still a devout communicant. The period of his residence in this county covers more than four decades, and he has aided in, as well as been a witness of, the wonderful transformation that has occurred, as pioneer conditions have given way before the onward march of civilization.

JAMES W. MELVILLE.

In very early times three brothers came as pioneers into Wisconsin and took up land in Chippewa county, developing out of the wilderness productive and profitable farms. Gradually a little community grew up around them and this is still known as the Melville Settlement, in honor of the men who founded it and who were active in inaugurating and shaping its development. Many representatives of the name now own farms in the settlement, among them James W. Melville, who operates a tract of one hundred and forty acres on section 31, Lafayette township, a property upon which he is specializing in raising apples. He was born in Germantown, Wisconsin, April 22, 1855, and is a son of John C. and Alice (Williamson) Melville. The father came to Chippewa county in 1856 with two of his brothers and together they settled in the wilderness in Lafayette township, founding here the Melville Settlement. From a tract of wild land, covered with a heavy growth of timber, John C. Melville developed a fine farm, engaging in agricultural pursuits in this vicinity until his death, which occurred in 1888. During the latter period of his life he was a stanch republican and he was at all times interested in public affairs, taking an active part in promoting the growth and progress of the section named in his honor. His wife was a native of England and went to Rochester, New York, when she was seven years of age. The paternal branch of the family is of Irish origin. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Melville became the parents of eleven children: John, a farmer in this locality; Isabella, the deceased wife of William Paddock; William, a farmer near Spokane, Washington; James W., of this review; Henry, who died in Minneapolis; Albert, who has passed away and is buried in the Lafayette cemetery; Walter, superintendent of a flour mill in Shanghai, China; Thomas, a farmer in the Melville Settlement; Amy, the wife of Thomas C. Roycroft, also engaged in farming in this

vicinity; Edwin, a ranch owner and mine inspector in Arizona; and Elsie, who died in 1912 and is buried in the Lafayette cemetery.

James W. Melville acquired his education in the district schools of Chippewa county, laying aside his books at the age of fifteen years. He afterward assisted his father with the work of the farm and at the age of twenty-five engaged in farming independently. He bought a property which he sold after twelve years, when he inherited his present tract of land from his father. Since that time he has specialized in growing apples and has planted over six thousand trees, having now about five thousand in bearing, his orchard covering seventy acres. This is the largest bearing orchard in Wisconsin and it has proven very profitable, returning Mr. Melville a gratifying annual income.

In Eau Claire, this state, September 21, 1894, Mr. Melville was united in marriage to Miss Helen Britts, a daughter of Joseph Britts, a large landowner, who has passed away. His wife survives him and makes her home in Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Melville passed away May 20, 1907, and is buried in the Forest Hill cemetery, Chippewa Falls. She left one daughter, who is attending school. Mr. Melville is a member of the Episcopal church and is a republican in his political beliefs. He takes an active interest in the welfare and development of the section where he has spent practically his entire life and his career has added greatly to the respect and esteem in which the name has long been held in this section of the state.

FRANK MELVILLE.

Frank Melville, a worthy native son of Chippewa county, is one of the representative citizens and prosperous agriculturists of Anson township, owning two farms comprising two hundred and forty acres of land on sections 19 and 27. He resides on the former section and is successfully engaged in the raising of Hereford cattle and pure bred hogs. His birth occurred in Chippewa Falls on the 15th of November, 1868, his parents being John and Mary (Newman) Melville. The father, who was the second blacksmith in Chippewa Falls and an esteemed and respected citizen of the community, passed away in 1906, when sixty-eight years of age. His remains were interred in the Lafayette cemetery. Our subject is a representative of the family in whose honor the Melville Settlement was named.

Frank Melville began his education in the Lafayette school and afterward attended the Eau Claire high school until sixteen years of age. Subsequently he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm in Lafayette township and in 1888 located with him on the place where he now resides and which was at that time entirely covered with heavy timber. When they had cleared the property, he began its cultivation and as the years have gone by has continued the work of improvement until his is now one of the most highly cultivated farms in Anson township. Mr. Melville has won success as a stockman, raising Hereford cattle and also pure bred hogs. The residence, barn and other outbuildings were erected by him and stand as monuments to his enterprise and industry. He is a director of the Farmers Produce Company and the

Eagle Point Fire Insurance Company and was one of the organizers of the Chippewa County Telephone Company. He has long been numbered among the progressive and substantial citizens of his native county and is a man who attributes his success to untiring industry, close application to business and strict sobriety.

On the 1st of May, 1894, at Chippewa Falls, Mr. Melville was united in marriage to Miss Phillipena Buske, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Buske, who took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Chippewa county and are now living retired in Cadott. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four children, as follows: John, who assists his father in the operation of the home farm; Ivy and Bessie, both at home; and Erma, who is two years old.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Melville has stanchly supported the men and measures of the republican party. He has served as a member of the town board for four years, making a creditable and commendable record in this connection. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church, in which he holds membership. He has spent his entire life in this county and is not only familiar with its history from pioneer times to the present but has also aided in the work that has made possible the wonderful transformation which has here occurred.

JOSEPH KOHLER.

Joseph Kohler, engaging in mixed farming upon three hundred and sixty acres of land on section 34, Sigel township, was born in Austria and is a son of Joseph and Anne (Tomasheck) Kohler. The parents now make their home with the subject of this review, the father having reached the age of seventy-nine and the mother of seventy-two years.

Joseph Kohler was born in Austria, August 17, 1868. When five years of age he came with his parents to America, the family first locating at Eau Claire, this state. However, they remained there only until that fall, when they came to the farm which the father homesteaded in Chippewa county. This was in 1873, and therefore Joseph Kohler acquired his education in the public schools of this locality. After discontinuing his lessons at the early age of twelve years he worked in the lumber woods for about five years and then assisted his father with the work of the farm. Eventually the homestead came into Joseph Kohler's possession, and upon it he has since engaged in mixed farming, principally raising grain. His live-stock interests are also important, for he keeps on an average of thirty-five head of cattle, five horses and twenty-three hogs. He has made substantial improvements upon the property, erecting a fine brick residence and good farm buildings, and everything about the place is in excellent condition, reflecting his careful supervision and practical management.

On September 23, 1901, at the Catholic church at Cadott, Mr. Kohler was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kubale, a daughter of Frank and Mary (Highack) Kubale, residing near Cadott. Both parents were born in Austria and the father came to this country when but six years of age, while the mother was twelve. Mr. and Mrs. Kohler have six children: Martha, Ernest, Benjamin,

Mary, Josie and Agnes. The family are members of the Roman Catholic church of Cadott. In his political beliefs Mr. Kohler is a democrat. He is a man of exemplary character, well known throughout the township for his honesty and integrity, and he holds the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

ERNEST KLAGES.

Ernest Klages, owning a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 23, Lafayette township, has spent his entire life upon this property, having been born here March 2, 1882. He is a son of Fred and Dora (Schultz) Klages, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work in connection with the sketch of Herman Klages.

Ernest Klages acquired his education in the Chippewa county district schools and laid aside his books at the early age of fifteen. He afterward assisted his father with the work of the homestead, aiding in the operation of the property and in the erection of all the buildings and improvements. After the father's death he inherited the homestead and here he has since resided, carrying on mixed farming and dairying and meeting with substantial and gratifying success.

Mr. Klages is a republican in his political beliefs and a member of the German Lutheran church. He is a young man of energy and ability and these qualities have not only brought him material success but have commanded for him the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

SILAS M. YATES.

Silas M. Yates, an enterprising and progressive citizen of Chippewa Falls, prominently connected with its business interests as the owner of the business operated under the name of the Chippewa Ice Company, is a native of this county, born in January, 1857. His parents were Jacob V. and Clarinda (Brown) Yates, both of whom have passed away and are buried in Lafayette cemetery at Chippewa Falls.

Silas M. Yates acquired his education in the public schools of his native county and after laying aside his books at the age of sixteen went to work in the woods as a lumber jack. After ten years he had risen to be foreman in a lumber camp and he held this position for a similar period of time, resigning it in order to form a partnership with a Mr. Roycraft in a lumber business operated under the name of Roycraft & Yates. This association was dissolved after six years and Mr. Yates then turned his attention to cruising lumber. In 1904 he came to Chippewa Falls and here established himself in business, forming the Chippewa Ice Company, with which he is still connected. His enterprise has had a remarkable growth and he now employs eight men and supplies all of the ice used in the city.



SILAS M. YATES

In Chippewa Falls, in 1881, Mr. Yates was united in marriage to Miss Ella Beaver, a daughter of Edward and Mary (Fitch) Beaver, both of whom have passed away and are buried in Forest Hill cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Yates have become the parents of four children: Delos, a machinist in Milwaukee; Lorena, a graduate of the State Normal School; Pearl, who is engaged in teaching music and drawing at Santa Rosa, California; and Dewitt, who is assisting his father.

Mr. Yates joined the progressive party in 1912 and he is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is well known in business circles as a farsighted, capable and reliable business man and his success has come as a natural result of the straightforward and honorable methods of dealing to which he has steadily adhered.

GERALD O'DONNELL.

Gerald O'Donnell, who follows mixed farming on section 27, Lafayette township, has been connected with the agricultural interests of this locality since 1884 and is today a prosperous and progressive farmer, owning and operating two hundred acres of land. He was born in Peterboro, Ontario, May 6, 1860, and is a son of Patrick and Margaret (Kenn) O'Donnell, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work.

Gerald O'Donnell acquired his education in his native province, laying aside his books at the age of fourteen. He afterward assisted his father with the work of the farm during the summer months while spending the winters in the logging woods. In 1884 the family came to Chippewa county and the father purchased the farm which his son Patrick now owns. Upon this place our subject spent twelve years and then bought eighty acres, to which he later added until he now owns two hundred acres on section 27, Lafayette township, a property upon which he has since resided. When he located here only four acres were under cultivation but he has since cleared a great deal of the property of timber and brush and has now one hundred and twenty acres planted in various kinds of grain. He has made substantial improvements and the farm is today one of the most valuable and productive in that part of the county.

In Chippewa Falls, July 19, 1892, Mr. O'Donnell was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Culbert, a daughter of John and Julia (Cudahy) Culbert. Her father was the first settler in the valley which now bears his name and for a number of years took a prominent part in public affairs. He died in 1911 at the age of eighty-six, having survived his wife since 1884. Her death occurred when she was forty-one years of age and both are buried in the Eau Claire Catholic cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell have become the parents of eight children: John, Wren and Gerald, Jr., who are assisting their father; Annie and Clayton, who are attending school; James and Nellie, at home; and Lenora, who died at the age of eleven years and is buried in the Catholic cemetery in Chippewa Falls.

Mr. O'Donnell is a member of the St. Bridget's Roman Catholic church at Springfield Prairie and gives a general allegiance to the democratic party, although at times he votes independently. He is interested in the cause of education and has rendered the township excellent service as a school director. He does all in his power to further the interests of the community and is loyal in his advocacy of all measures calculated to promote progress and improvement.

HERMAN KLAGES.

On a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 26, Lafayette township, Herman Klages makes his home, and he is justly accounted one of the most progressive and worthy representatives of agricultural interests in that locality. He was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, April 21, 1870, and is a son of Fred and Dora (Schultz) Klages, natives of Germany, who emigrated from that country in 1866 and settled in Fond du Lac, where they remained for eight years. At the end of that time they moved to Chippewa county and after a short residence in Chippewa Falls settled upon a farm, which the father improved and developed for about five years. At the end of that time he bought another property in Lafayette township and with the assistance of his sons broke every foot of the land, wresting an excellent farm of three hundred and twenty acres from the wilderness. For a number of years he carried on agricultural pursuits there and he also became prominent in public affairs, serving as treasurer of the school board. He died February 25, 1913, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, having been killed in a gas explosion. He had survived his wife since March 18, 1911, her death having occurred when she was sixty-four. Both are buried in the Lafayette cemetery.

Herman Klages acquired his education in the district schools of Chippewa county and laid aside his books at the early age of fourteen. Two years before this he had begun assisting with the work of the homestead and, being the eldest son, he gradually assumed entire control. When he was twenty-eight years of age his father gave him eighty acres and to this he added another eighty-acre tract, which he purchased, turning his attention to mixed farming and dairying upon this property. Here he has since resided and upon it has made excellent improvements in building and equipment, making it one of the finest farms in this locality. He is in addition a director in the Lafayette Cooperative Creamery, and his business judgment is regarded as reliable and trustworthy.

In Waupaca, this state, June 26, 1907, Mr. Klages was united in marriage to Miss Marie Viergutz, a daughter of William and Augusta (Ohm) Viergutz. Her father was a native of Germany and in that country learned the miller's trade. It was in 1880 that he crossed the Atlantic to America and first located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he engaged in the milling business for a time. He next made his home in Clintonville, this state, and from there removed to Bear Creek, and later to Marion, Wisconsin, where he and his wife are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Klages have become the parents of four children: Theodore and Ruth, who are at home; and Marie and Lena, who died in infancy, and are buried in the Lafayette cemetery.

Mr. Klages is a member of the German Lutheran church and is a republican in his political beliefs, serving at the present time as director of the school board. He is one of the well known agriculturists of this locality and is a careful, prudent man of business, who enjoys and merits the confidence and esteem of the entire community.

HUGH K. McDONALD.

Hugh K. McDonald is one of the oldest living settlers in Chippewa county, coming here in 1860, or more than a half century ago. He was identified with the lumber business for many years and in 1880 settled on his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 15, Anson township, where he has since carried on mixed farming, dairying and stock-raising. His birth occurred in Glengarry county, Ontario, on the 16th of May, 1842, his parents being Kenneth and Elizabeth (McDonnell) McDonald, both of whom are deceased and lie buried in St. Raphael's cemetery in Glengarry county. The father successfully followed farming in Ontario throughout his active business career. The McDonald family is of old Scotch origin.

Hugh K. McDonald attended school in his native county until fifteen years of age and when a youth of seventeen crossed the border into the United States and made his way westward to Chippewa county, Wisconsin. Here he was identified with the lumber business during both the summer and winter seasons from 1870 until 1898. In 1880 he settled on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of wild land in Anson township, undertaking the arduous task of clearing the property, which was covered with brush and timber. His energy and industry were eventually rewarded in the improved appearance of his land, all of which is now in a high state of cultivation. He has been engaged in mixed farming and dairying and also devotes considerable attention to stock-raising, winning well deserved success in his several undertakings. As the years have gone by he has made a number of substantial improvements on his property, and in 1885, at a cost of three thousand dollars, he erected what was the largest barn in the county. When he first came to Chippewa county, the township of Anson extended as far as Ashland and comprised one of the three townships in the county. He has not only been a witness of, but has also aided in, the work of development and progress here and has long been numbered among the prosperous and leading citizens of the community.

On the 13th of June, 1876, in the Notre Dame church of Chippewa Falls, Mr. McDonald was united in marriage to Miss Betsy Ermatinger, a daughter of George and Mary (McDougal) Ermatinger, of Glengarry, Ontario. There the father died in 1863 and was buried, being survived for seventeen years by his wife, whose demise occurred in 1880 and whose remains were interred in a cemetery at Chippewa Falls. The Ermatinger family is of English origin and was represented in this country as early as 1812, when its members were engaged in trading with the Indians. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have one daughter, Annie Laurie, who is at home and is a music teacher. They also have an adopted

daughter whom they have reared, Miss Maud E. McDonald, who attended Notre Dame school and is now living at home.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. McDonald has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He has always declined public office, however, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his private business affairs. The family are members of Notre Dame Roman Catholic church of Chippewa Falls. Mr. McDonald is known and honored for his genuine worth, for his progressiveness in citizenship, his loyalty in friendship and his devotion to his family.

F. H. CUTTING.

One of the strong financial institutions of Chippewa county is the Peoples State Bank of Bloomer, of which F. H. Cutting is the president. He stands prominent among the energetic, enterprising and successful business men of his section of the county and his efforts are an element in public prosperity as well. Aside from his banking connections he is president of the Cutting-Thompson Company and his study of business conditions, combined with his enterprising spirit, has wrought success in the various fields in which he has labored. At the age of seventy-eight years he is still active and commands the respect and high regard of his fellow townsmen because of a life fraught with successful accomplishment and honorable purpose. He was born in Otsego county, New York, March 15, 1835, a son of John F. Cutting, a native of the Empire state, who was a saddle and harness maker in early life. Coming to Wisconsin in 1848, the father settled in Dane county, where he remained for many years, after which he became a resident of Buffalo county. Three years were passed there, after which he took up his abode at the Red Cedar river, where he died at the age of sixty-eight years. In his latter life he followed farming and his days, well spent, brought to him a comfortable competence and an honorable name. He married Sallie Chapin, a native of New York, and they became the parents of four children.

F. H. Cutting was educated in the common schools but his opportunities in that direction were meager, as he never had the chance to attend after he reached the age of thirteen years. He is numbered among the honored pioneer settlers of the state, having been an interested witness of the changes and events which have occurred in Wisconsin through the past sixty-five years. The only boat on Lake Superior at the time of his arrival was the Algonquin. Business along the other lines was scarcely more developed than the shipping industry and everywhere were to be seen evidences of frontier life with its usual hardships and privations. Mr. Cutting's youth was largely a period of earnest and persistent toil. After leaving school he worked on the farm for his father and later began farming for himself in Dane county, where he remained until 1862, when at the age of twenty-seven years he came to Chippewa county. There were only three houses in Bloomer at that time and throughout the entire county the work of civilization and development seemed scarcely begun. Mr. Cutting first engaged in farming here on a tract of land twelve miles west of

Bloomer, residing thereon until August, 1875. In the meantime his patriotic spirit prompted his enlistment for service in the Civil war and in 1864 he joined Company A of the Fiftieth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry under command of Captain John C. Spooner. With his regiment he went to the front and was mustered out in 1866. In August, 1875, he removed to Bloomer, where he established a drug business, but eventually extended the scope of his activities to include general merchandising. When he took up his abode at Bloomer there was only one little store in the town and Mr. Cutting's business is today the oldest in existence in Bloomer. The firm carries a general line of goods, having a well appointed department store occupying three rooms. They are now erecting a large warehouse in the rear which will be forty by sixty-six feet, and they are also building a two-story structure, seventy-eight by one hundred and thirty-two feet, one room of which, thirty-three by fifty-six feet, is used and owned by the bank. The remainder will be used by Mr. Cutting's son in the conduct of a machinery and implement business. When completed this will be the finest building in the town. Mr. Cutting at all times has manifested a progressive spirit and his undertakings have done much to promote public progress as well as advance individual success.

Mr. Cutting was united in marriage to Miss Abigail Griffith, a native of Wales, and they became the parents of three children: Ellen, the eldest, who is deceased; William; and Emeline. The former, a resident of Bloomer, is proprietor of a farm implement business of gratifying proportions. He married Ora Huntington, and their only child, Hazel, died at the age of five years. Emeline married Mr. Thompson, who is Mr. Cutting's business associate in the firm of Cutting & Thompson.

In politics Mr. Cutting is an earnest republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party. While on the farm he was town treasurer and for fifteen years he filled the office of president of the village. He has also been chairman of the county board for about seven years and has ever been faithful, capable and loyal in the discharge of his political duties. He holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with N. P. Lyon Post, No. 147, G. A. R., of which he is now commander. The family attend the Congregational church and Mr. Cutting has long cooperated in all the movements which tend to advance the social, political, intellectual and moral welfare of his community. His life has been well spent and the honors that have been accorded him have been well and worthily won.

DANIEL BUCHANAN, JR.

Since 1877 Daniel Buchanan, Jr., has been engaged in the general practice of law in Chippewa Falls, and since that time has made steady progress in his profession, being today recognized as one of the leading lawyers in this section of the state. He served the city for three years as its city attorney, an office in which he demonstrated not only his legal ability but his energy and public spirit as well. He was born in Fort Winnebago, Wisconsin, July 11, 1851, and is a son of Daniel and Mary (Shaw) Buchanan, both of whom have passed

away. The father was one of the prominent grain buyers of Columbia county and also engaged in farming there until 1884 when he moved to Ritzville, Washington, where he died in 1903. He had survived his wife only two years, her death having occurred in December, 1901.

Daniel Buchanan, Jr., acquired his education in the public schools of Columbia county and later entered the law department of the State University at Madison, Wisconsin, receiving his degree from that institution in 1872. In the following year he went to Eau Claire county, where he associated himself with the firm of Bartlett & Hayden, continuing thus until 1877, when he moved to Chippewa Falls, where he has since remained. The years have brought him prominence in his profession and a practice that has steadily increased in volume and importance, for he has become known as a strong, able and forceful practitioner.

In Chippewa county Mr. Buchanan married Miss Mary M. Waugh, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Waugh, both of whom have passed away, the former dying in March, 1877, and the latter in July, 1882. They are buried in Greenville, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan became the parents of three children, all of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Buchanan is a member of the Masonic lodge and is a republican in his political beliefs, taking an active interest in community affairs and cooperating heartily in all projects to promote the advancement and growth of the city. During the thirty-six years of his residence here he has become widely and favorably known and he holds the esteem and confidence of all with whom business or social relations have brought him into contact.

PETER MEINEN.

Peter Meinen, carrying on general farming and dairying upon one hundred and sixty acres of land seven and one-quarter miles southwest of Bloomer, in Auburn township, was born in Tilden township, Chippewa county, and is a son of Nicholas Meinen, a native of Germany. After emigrating to America the father settled in Chippewa Falls in very early times, taking up his residence here before the city of Chippewa Falls was founded. He at first turned his attention to anything which would bring him an income but eventually engaged in farming, an occupation in which he was active for many years. He has now retired from active life and lives in the town of Tilden, having reached the age of eighty. He married Miss Magdalena Meyer, and they became the parents of eight children, two of whom have passed away.

Peter Meinen acquired his education in the Catholic parochial school of Tilden, and after laying aside his books worked upon the homestead until his marriage. He then purchased one hundred and sixty acres seven and one-quarter miles southwest of Bloomer, and upon this property has since resided, steadily carrying forward the work of improvement and development along progressive and modern lines. He has erected a comfortable residence, good barns and outbuildings and has made the place a model property in every particular, reflecting everywhere his careful supervision and practical labor.

Mr. Meinen married Miss Annie Stoffel, and they have become the parents of eight children, Lidwina, Philomena, Susanna, Alphonsina, Leona, Marie, Gilbert and Henrietta. Mr. Meinen is a member of the Roman Catholic church and connected fraternally with the Catholic Knights. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is serving as a member of the school board, proving capable and conscientious in the discharge of his duties. He is numbered among the substantial farmers and progressive men of his locality and holds the esteem and regard of his neighbors as a man whose life has been honorable and upright in all its relations.

JOHN G. ACHESON.

John G. Acheson owns a fine farm in Eagle Point township, eight miles southeast of Bloomer on the Chippewa road and is a native of Ireland, born there in 1872. His father, James Acheson, was also a native of Ireland and emigrated to the United States about the year of 1878 locating in southern Wisconsin, where he has since engaged in farming, having now reached the age of seventy. He married in Ireland, Miss Reid, and they became the parents of eight children.

John G. Acheson acquired his education in the public schools of Outagamie county and after laying aside his books followed farming and carpentry until 1908. In that year he purchased from Frank Ludwig the farm in Eagle Point township where he has since resided. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of choice land and has made substantial improvements upon it, his farm being today a valuable and attractive property.

Mr. Acheson married Miss Rebecca McElroy and they have four children: Russell, Donald, Hazel, and Gladys. Mr. Acheson votes independently and has held various positions of trust and responsibility, rendering the township excellent service as assessor and treasurer. In 1912 he was elected school clerk and reelected in 1913. He merits the esteem and confidence of all who know him and is numbered among the most substantial citizens of Chippewa county.

JOHN MATSCHE.

John Matsche, numbered among the successful and enterprising dairy farmers of Arthur township, is the owner of a tract of land comprising eighty acres on section 19, township 30, range 6. His birth occurred in Austria, December 26, 1863, his parents being Frank and Mary Matsche, who passed away when he was still but a child. John Matsche lived with a brother until twelve years of age and then began earning his own livelihood.

In 1888, when a young man of twenty-five years, he emigrated to the United States, for he had heard many favorable reports of the opportunities of the new world and desired to take advantage of them. During the first several years of his residence in this country he was employed in a glucose factory

at Marshalltown, Iowa, and also worked in a railroad roundhouse. In 1898 he came to Chippewa county, Wisconsin, and purchased eighty acres of wild land comprising the north half of the southeast quarter of section 19, township 30, range 6. The place was entirely unimproved and much arduous labor was necessary before the land was ready for cultivation. Mr. Matsche has resided thereon to the present time and now has excellent buildings, while in the conduct of his interests as a dairy farmer he has met with gratifying and well deserved success.

On the 5th of November, 1888, Mr. Matsche was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Miksch, who was born in Germany on the 29th of December, 1869. Unto them have been born nine children, as follows: Mary, who is the wife of John Scheidler and resides in Chippewa county; Clara, who gave her hand in marriage to Fred Roberts, of Arthur township; John, a resident of Ellendale, North Dakota; Lena, who is employed in Chippewa Falls; and Frankie, Annie, Alois, Katrina and Theresa, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Matsche is a republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls. In religious faith he and his family are Catholics and devout communicants of St. Anthony's church of Drywood. He is familiar with and speaks four languages—Norwegian, Bohemian, German and English. He has never felt any occasion to regret his determination to come to the United States, for here he has found the business opportunities which he sought and in their improvement has won prosperity.

LEONARD GLADWELL.

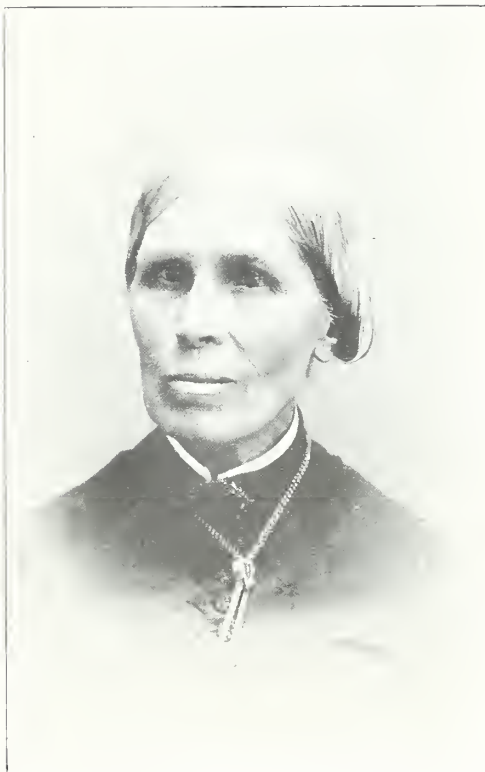
Agricultural interests of Chippewa county find a progressive and worthy representative in Leonard Gladwell, who since 1900 has operated one hundred and sixty acres of fine land on section 18, Wheaton township. Mr. Gladwell has resided in this county since 1861 but is a native of New York, born December 24, 1852, his parents being Thomas and Charlotte (Reed) Gladwell. The father died in 1874 and is survived by his wife, who makes her home with the subject of this review, having reached the age of ninety-two years.

Leonard Gladwell came to Wisconsin with his parents when he was still an infant and he spent his early childhood in Whitewater, this state. In 1861 he came to Chippewa county and here completed his education, laying aside his books at the age of eighteen. After leaving school he began working in the lumber woods and sawmills and he continued thus in the employ of others for twenty-seven years. At the end of that time he purchased land in Chippewa county and for some time thereafter spent his winters in the woods and his summers upon his farm. Since 1900 he has confined his attention to agricultural pursuits and has met with gratifying success in this line of work. He owns eighty acres lying on section 18, Wheaton township, and operates eighty acres adjoining and has made excellent improvements upon it, carrying forward the work of its cultivation along practical and modern lines.

In Chippewa county on August 22, 1875, Mr. Gladwell was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Eldred, a daughter of John and Ellen (Kane) Eldred,



MR. AND MRS. LEONARD GLADWELL



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS GLADWELL



both of whom have passed away and are buried in Chippewa county. Mr. and Mrs. Gladwell became the parents of eight children: Fred, who died at the age of thirty-four years; Charles, who lives in the state of Washington; John, a fireman on the railroad operated by the Rice Lake Logging Company; Albert, who is assisting his father; Lee, engaged in farming in Canada; Laura, who died at the age of one year; George, assisting his father on the farm; and Lomie, at home. Mr. Gladwell gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but is not active in public affairs, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his agricultural interests, which are capably conducted and have brought him well deserved success.

JOHN L. EDER.

Chippewa county numbers among its worthy and valued native sons John L. Eder, who owns and operates a fine farm of two hundred acres three and one-half miles west of Bloomer. He was born in 1883 and is a son of Joe Eder, a native of Germany, who came to the United States when he was four years of age. He located with his parents in Iowa and from that state moved to Chippewa county, where he turned his attention to farming in Tilden township. There he has resided since that time, being now in the sixty-third year of his age. He married Miss Louise Zweifelhofer and they have four children, Mrs. John Prince, John L., Mrs. Anna Schroeder and William.

John L. Eder acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and in a business college at St. Paul. After laying aside his books he worked for his father on the homestead but following his marriage settled upon the property in Bloomer township which is now his place of residence. He owns a tract of two hundred acres with excellent buildings and other improvements. He engages in general farming and dairying and has met with well deserved success in both fields.

In 1909 Mr. Eder was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Snyder and they have become the parents of two children, Izetta and Caroline. Mr. Eder is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is connected fraternally with the Catholic Knights. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is progressive in matters of citizenship although not active as an office seeker. He is widely known throughout his native county as a representative citizen and he commands the confidence and respect of the entire community.

JOHN MAHONY.

A worthy and progressive representative of agricultural interests of Chippewa county is John Mahony, who owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 19, Lafayette township, a property upon which he has resided since 1887. He was born in Schull, County Cork, Ireland, November 1, 1862, and is a son of John and Catherine (Farrington) Mahony,

who went from Ireland by way of New York city to Ontario county, New York. After residing there for one year they moved to Eau Claire, this state, and from there came to Chippewa county, where they settled on the farm now owned by the subject of this review. The land was at that time only partially cultivated and John Mahony, Sr., with the assistance of his sons cleared the remainder, making it a valuable and productive property. He died on the 3d of August, 1912, at the age of eighty, and is buried in Lafayette cemetery. His wife survives him and makes her home with the subject of this review.

John Mahony acquired his education in the public schools of his native country, laying aside his books at the age of fourteen. He afterward assisted his father with the work of the farm and in 1887 came to America, locating in Chippewa county. When the remainder of the family settled here the father and son carried on the operation of the homestead and after the former's death John Mahony of this review inherited the property, which he has owned ever since. He assisted in making all of the improvements upon it and its excellent condition at present is largely due to his well directed and practical labor.

Mr. Mahony is a member of the Episcopal church and is a republican in his political views. Success has followed him at every step as the result of his industry, ability and perseverance until now he is numbered among the representative farmers and progressive citizens of this county.

SMITH H. WRIGHT.

Smith H. Wright, successfully engaged in dairy farming, is the owner of a tract of land embracing one hundred and twenty acres on section 36, Sigel township. He has been a resident of Chippewa county for more than three decades, coming here from Spencer, Massachusetts, in 1882. His birth occurred in Georgetown, Connecticut, in October, 1867, his parents being James and Mary Wright. The mother passed away when our subject was still a small child, but the father yet survives at the venerable age of eighty-four years and makes his home with his son Smith. Mrs. Mary Wright is buried in Connecticut.

Smith H. Wright attended school in Massachusetts until fifteen years of age and subsequently worked in a factory for about twenty years. On the expiration of that period he took possession of the farm in Chippewa county which he now operates, the property comprising one hundred and twenty acres on section 36, Sigel township. He was one of the first in the township to own registered Holstein-Friesian cows. He carries on dairy farming with good success, keeping about four horses, twenty-five head of cattle and seven hogs. He erected the residence and other buildings which adorn the property, and in the conduct of his agricultural interests he has won a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity.

In 1901, in Sigel township, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Emily Buetow, a daughter of Carl and Hannah Buetow. The father died in 1897 and lies buried in Sigel township, but the mother still survives and resides with her son Levi. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have three children: Ada, Norma and Arthur, all at home.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Wright has supported the men and measures of the republican party, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. He has an extensive circle of friends throughout the county in which he has resided during the greater part of his life, and he is worthy of the confidence and trust which are uniformly given him.

JOHN AND FRED MEIER.

The town of Bloomer finds enterprising and progressive representatives of its business interests in John and Fred Meier who since 1906 have been partners in the operation of a profitable general store. They are natives of Chippewa county, the former born on the 5th of October, 1876, and the latter in 1880, sons of John Meier, a native of Switzerland who came to the United States as a young man and settled in Minnesota where he engaged in farming. He later moved to this county and here followed agricultural pursuits until 1911 when he went to Idaho where he now resides. He married Miss Mary Bichler of Minnesota and they became the parents of eleven children: Mary, John, Gust, Elizabeth, Frederick, Charles, Robert, Edward, Antone, Oscar, and one child who died in infancy.

John and Fred Meier acquired their education in the public schools of their native county and after laying aside their books both young men engaged in farming for some time. Afterward Fred was for four years a clerk in the employ of Cutting & Thompson but resigned this position in 1906 when he joined his brother in the establishment of the mercantile enterprise which they now conduct. They carry a full line of men's and women's furnishings, groceries, etc., and enjoy a representative and growing trade, accorded to them in recognition of their fair and honorable business methods and their reasonable prices.

John Meier married Miss Lenora Proue of Chippewa Falls, and they have become the parents of six children, Lenora, Elsie, Rose, William, Ellen and Paul. The brothers give their political allegiance to the republican party and Fred served for two years on the village board. He is identified fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and John is a devout member of the United Brethren church. Both are progressive and reliable business men and they enjoy the esteem and confidence of all who are in any way associated with them.

LEVI BUETOW.

Levi Buetow, who devotes his time and energies to mixed farming, is the owner of a tract of land embracing one hundred and sixty acres on sections 25 and 26, Sigel township. He is a native of Chippewa county and in fact was born in the same house in which he now resides, his natal day being September 19, 1871. His parents were Carl and Hannah (Betcher) Buetow. The father,

who passed away in 1897, lies buried in Sigel township, but the mother still survives and makes her home with her son Levi.

In the acquirement of an education Levi Buetow attended school in Chippewa county until fourteen years of age and subsequently assisted his father in the work of the home farm until the latter's demise. The property came into his possession at that time and he has since continuously devoted his attention to its operations. He keeps about five horses, twenty cattle and five hogs and in both his farming and live stock interests has won a well merited measure of success. The residence and other buildings on the place were erected by him and stand as monuments to his enterprise and thrift. He has conducted his affairs according to modern and up-to-date methods, has been careful and systematic in the management of his interests and today is numbered among the successful and progressive farmers of Sigel township.

On the 28th of March, 1895, in Chippewa county, Mr. Buetow was united in marriage to Miss Emily Stark, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stark, both of whom are deceased and lie buried in Germany. Our subject and his wife have four children, namely: Benjamin, Ella, Gladys and Elmer, all at home.

Mr. Buetow casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has served his fellow townsmen in positions of public trust. He has held the position of township assessor for four years and for six years acted as chairman of the school board, ably discharging his duties in both connections. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church. He has resided in this county from his birth to the present time, and the fact that those who esteem him most are those who have known him from boyhood is an indication that his life record has ever been in harmony with the principles of honorable and upright manhood.

MAURICE A. POZNANSKI.

Among the most progressive, enterprising and capable of the native sons of Chippewa Falls is numbered Maurice A. Poznanski, to whose initiative spirit the city owes the foundation of some of its most important business institutions and to whose activity and industry is due their development and upbuilding. He is prominently identified with various business and corporate interests here, among his connections of this character being the Northwood Furniture Company, of which he is president. A spirit of enterprise and progress has actuated him in all the activities of his career and has brought him today to a place of power and prominence in his native city.

Mr. Poznanski was born January 1, 1872, and is a son of Edward and Leah (Pozner) Poznanski, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. He acquired his primary education in the public schools of Chippewa Falls and later attended the Wayland University and Milwaukee Academy in Milwaukee. He returned to Chippewa Falls, where on account of his father's ill health he took charge of the latter's business. This was a large retail dry-goods store and for twenty-two years thereafter Maurice Poznanski controlled the affairs of this concern, making it one of the largest and most important

mercantile houses in the city. He disposed of his interest in it in 1911. During the twenty-two years his interests extended to many other fields, as a record of his accomplishments along business lines plainly shows. He organized and developed the Chippewa Glove Company, of which he was president for many years, the Handmade Shoe Company, of which he was vice president, and the Northwood Furniture Company, of which he is now president. To the affairs of this latter institution he gives a great deal of his time and attention and he has directed its development along constructive and modern lines so that its present success is largely the result of his energy and activity.

In New York city, on the 16th of July, 1909, Mr. Poznanski was united in marriage to Miss Lillian C. Manwaring, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Manwaring, both of whom have passed away, the former being buried in Hayward, Wisconsin, and the latter in Chippewa Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Poznanski make their home in the old family residence, which was erected by Edward Poznanski in early times, and they are well known in social circles of the city.

Mr. Poznanski has at all times been interested in the growth and development of Chippewa Falls and is active in the promotion of those projects looking toward municipal advancement. He was chairman of the acreage committee of the Progressive League and was a leading factor in securing for the city the sugar beet factory, which is now one of the most prominent and important industrial concerns in Chippewa county. He also aided in bringing to the city a number of other industrial and commercial concerns and formed one of the five members of the original council of the league, of which he acted as president for some time. During the course of his business career he has acquired a great deal of valuable city property through judicious investment and is the owner of the Metropolitan building, one of the largest office structures in the city. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge and chapter and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He also belongs to the Eau Claire Club, of which he was one of the first non-resident members. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has been alderman of the city for two years, his vote and influence during this time having been always on the side of right, reform and progress. A resident of Chippewa Falls from his birth to the present time, he is well known here and his integrity of character, his business ability and his progressive citizenship have gained him the high esteem and regard of all who are associated with him.

OSCAR STELTER.

Oscar Stelter, president and general manager of O. F. Stelter & Company, dealers in hay, grain and potatoes in Bloomer, is a native of Wisconsin, born in Waushara county in 1883. He is a son of Otto Stelter, who was born in Germany and who came to the United States when he was nine years of age, going directly to Waushara county, where he grew to manhood and where he is today a prosperous farmer. He married Miss Paulina Wangrine and they became the parents of nine children.

Oscar Stelter acquired his education in the public schools of his native county and after laying aside his books assisted his father for a time with the work of the homestead. In 1907 he moved to Chippewa county and settling in Bloomer joined his brother William in the organization of the firm of O. F. Stelter & Company, of which he is now president and general manager. They own a large elevator and deal in all kinds of grain, hay, flour, coal, potatoes, straw and wool, besides cement and lime. The warehouse and the elevator are located near the Northwestern Railroad tracks, and there are branches at Jim Falls and Cobban. At the former all kinds of farm implements are carried as well as grain. Mr. Stelter gives practically all of his time and attention to the development of this business and its prosperous condition at the present is the direct result of his energy and executive ability.

Mr. Stelter married Miss Esther Rosenbrook of Bloomer, and they are the parents of a son, Harold. Mr. Stelter is a member of the German Lutheran church and is a republican in his political beliefs, interested in the growth and development of the county and always ready to cooperate in the support of progressive public movements. His ability is widely recognized in business circles and his integrity and fairness have gained him the esteem and confidence of all who are associated with him.

OWEN F. STERZIK.

Energy, ability, experience and controlled ambition have formed for Owen F. Sterzik the basis of a substantial and desirable success and have brought him today into important relations with business interests of Chippewa Falls, where he is doing capable and farsighted work as superintendent of the Northwood Furniture Company. He was born at Big Rapids, Michigan, September 15, 1871, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Slamo) Sterzik, both of German extraction. The father was for thirty years a resident of Big Rapids, where he engaged in the carpentering and contracting business, his territory extending all over the state of Michigan. During the early part of the Civil war he lived in New Orleans, but being in sympathy with the Union cause, he went to France but returning by way of the northern states, joined the Union army in Michigan. He died there in 1886 and his wife survived him many years, passing away in 1907. Both are buried in the Big Rapids cemetery.

Owen F. Sterzik acquired his education in the country schools around Big Rapids and later attended the Ferris Business College, the principal of which institution is now the governor of Michigan. After laying aside his books Mr. Sterzik learned the hand carver's trade in a furniture factory in Big Rapids, remaining in this connection for three years. At the end of that time he moved to Edinburg, Indiana, where he took charge of the plant of the Edinburg Cabinet Company. At the end of six years he moved to Madison, Indiana, and there built a piano factory, of which was part owner and general manager until 1906, when he came to Chippewa Falls. Here he became manager of the plant of the Chippewa Falls Furniture Company and after two years moved to Galax, Virginia, where he took charge of the plant of the Galax Furniture Com-

pany. Returning to Chippewa Falls at the end of two years, he became connected with the Northwood Furniture Company, and since that time has acted as superintendent of that concern, which owes a great deal of its success to his excellent administrative ability and his thorough knowledge of the business.

In Big Rapids, Michigan, on the 9th of April, 1891, Mr. Sterzik was united in marriage to Miss Nora Clifford, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clifford, the former a veteran of the Civil war who now resides in Big Rapids. His wife has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Sterzik have become the parents of six children: Glenn, who is foreman of the Northwood Furniture Company; Earl, who is employed by the Jenkins Automobile Company; Russell, also connected with the Northwood Furniture Company; and Stella, Hazel and Raymond D., all of whom are attending school. The family residence is at No. 417 Mansfield street, Chippewa Falls, and Mr. Sterzik owns also a farm of forty acres in Michigan which he uses as a summer home.

Fraternally Mr. Sterzik is a member of the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, and is a member of the Methodist church. He is a progressive and public-spirited citizen and a reliable, enterprising and energetic business man and he stands high in the esteem and confidence of all who have had either business or social relations with him.

LENARD BOWE.

Lenard Bowe is one of the foremost agriculturists of Tilden township, Chippewa county, where he owns a valuable farm of seven hundred and twenty acres on sections 14, 23 and 9. A native of this county, he was born on September 3, 1862, and is a son of Nicholas and Maria (Mayer) Bowe. The father came to this section in 1856 and settled on the land which our subject now owns. At that time it was practically covered with tall timber, which the father cleared, later bringing the land under cultivation and greatly improving it. While still in Germany he had been a soldier in the Prussian army and often referred to chapters of his military life. He was popular with all who knew him and who appreciated in him the sterling qualities of energy, industry and integrity. He passed away April 8, 1913, at the age of nearly ninety years, and with him passed one of the most venerable figures in Chippewa county. His wife had preceded him to the Great Beyond in 1895 and both found their last resting place in St. Peter's cemetery.

Lenard Bowe received his education in the German St. Peter's Catholic school, which he left at the age of thirteen years in order to have more time to assist his father on the farm. Later he worked for five years in the bush but, returning at the end of that time, again assisted his father. He then began independently by operating one hundred and twenty acres which his father had given him, and to this amount he has gradually added until today he owns a magnificent farm of seven hundred and twenty acres, much of which is in a high state of cultivation. He engages in general farming and stock-raising, employing modern and scientific methods and keeping as many as fifty head of

cattle on the place. Ten horses are needed to carry on farm operations and he also has other stock. Beside his valuable property in Chippewa county, Mr. Bowe owns three hundred and twenty acres in Canada.

On August 9, 1886, in St. Peter's Catholic church at Tilden, Mr. Bowe was united in marriage to Miss Margarete Kaiser, a daughter of John and Appolonia (Eslinger) Kaiser, the former one of the pioneers of Fond du Lac county. Both are deceased and buried in the Cadott cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Bowe became the parents of thirteen children: Philomena, who died at the age of twelve years in September, 1902; John P., who passed away at the age of twenty-three, January 8, 1913; Peter J., a farmer of Bloomer township; Herman, assisting his father in the operation of the farm; Carl W. and Gilbert, who are also so engaged; Ella J., at home; Rosa A., at home; Michael, Bertha, Alfred and Mathilda, attending school; and Maria. Both Philomena and John P. Bowe found their last resting place in St. Peter's cemetery at Tilden.

In his political affiliations Mr. Bowe is a democrat and takes a laudable interest in all matters of public interest. He has served as township supervisor, his efficiency giving great satisfaction to his constituents, and is at present road commissioner. He and his family are members of the Catholic church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. Largely through his own efforts Mr. Bowe has become one of the most substantial agriculturists of Tilden township, his farm being one of the most beautiful in his locality. He has erected a large and handsome residence, modernly equipped, and his barns are substantial and in every way up-to-date. The whole appearance of the property bespeaks indefatigable labor and good judgment, and such success as Mr. Bowe has attained is highly merited.

MAGNUS FIRTH.

Magnus Firth, discharging the duties of steward of the Wisconsin State Home for the Feeble-Minded in an intelligent and capable way, was born in the province of Quebec, Canada, in 1846. He is a son of Magnus and Mary (Car-michael) Firth, both of whom have passed away.

Magnus Firth acquired his education in the public schools of his native province and after laying aside his books at the age of sixteen, worked on farms and in the lumber woods until he came to Wisconsin in 1869. He located in that year in Chippewa county and for about five years thereafter worked at lumbering, after which he purchased a farm of his own which he improved and operated for about twenty years, making it during that time a well improved and valuable property. He eventually turned his attention to politics and was elected county clerk, continuing in this office for eight years, after which he was made supervisor of assessments. At the end of two and one-half years in that office he became cashier of the Citizens State Bank of Boyd and held that important position for two years, after which he moved to Chippewa Falls, becoming steward in the State Home for the Feeble-Minded, a position which he has since held. He discharges his duties with a conscientious sense of responsibility and has made an enviable record in a difficult position, his work meeting with the



MAGNUS FIRTH

approval not only of those who are connected with the institution but of the community at large.

In Chippewa county, in December, 1874, Mr. Firth was united in marriage to Miss Kate Blair, a daughter of Hugh Blair, who was a resident of New Brunswick. Mr. and Mrs. Firth became the parents of four children: Edgar A., of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work; Minnie E., the wife of A. H. Lytte, who died in March, 1913, and is buried in Chippewa Falls; Earl I., a resident of Seattle, Washington; and Walter C., who died in infancy and is buried in the Eagle Point cemetery. Mrs. Firth passed away in May, 1886, and in November, 1887, Mr. Firth was again married, his second union being with Miss Martha Blair, his present wife.

Mr. Firth is a republican in his political beliefs and served for nine years as chairman of town of Cleveland. He is connected fraternally with the Masonic lodge and the commandery and is a member of the Congregational church. He has been found capable, conscientious and reliable in the discharge of the duties of his office and he holds the esteem and confidence of all who are associated with him.

H. E. McWITHEY.

H. E. McWithey is one of the early settlers in Chippewa county and since pioneer times has taken an active part in the agricultural development of this section of the state, evolving out of the wilderness a productive and profitable farm, upon eighty acres of which he is now living in retirement. He is also entitled to representation in this volume as a veteran of the Civil war.

Mr. McWithey was born in the state of New York, August 5, 1838, and is a son of Telle Gilbert McWithey, a native of Vermont. The father came to Wisconsin in 1849, spending five years in Dane county. At the end of that time he moved to Iowa but after two years returned to Wisconsin, settling in Monroe county, where his death occurred. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Betsy Bliton.

H. E. McWithey came to Wisconsin about fifty-two years ago and has remained a continuous resident of the state since that time with the exception of his period of service during the Civil war. Almost immediately after his arrival in 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Third Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry, and served for fifteen months and then received an honorable discharge for disability. During his active service he was stationed on the border between Missouri and Kansas and did duty as quartermaster and commissary. After his arrival in this state Mr. McWithey spent some time in Barron county, and then moved to Chippewa county, where he has since resided. He first located upon property one mile west of his present place, then moved to Bloomer and afterward to the farm he now occupies, which is situated five miles west of Bloomer. This originally comprised one hundred and sixty acres and upon it he carried forward the work of development year by year, erecting fine barns and outbuildings and neglecting nothing which would add to the attractive appearance or the value of the place. During his active life he engaged in general farming and dairying but of late

years has lived retired upon eighty acres of his homestead, the remainder being in possession of his son.

Mr. McWithey married Miss Cordelia Smith and they became the parents of four children: John, of Edmonton, Alberta, who married Miss Lillian Bassett, by whom he has three children, Hazel, Fred and William; Fannie, who married Martin Randall, residing near Ridgeland; Judson, who has passed away; and Stephen, who married Carrie Snyder, by whom he has four children, Marion, Helen, Fannie and Ruth.

Mr. McWithey is a member of the Congregational church and a republican in his political beliefs. He is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belongs to the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, thus keeping in touch with his comrades of fifty years ago. His long period of residence in Chippewa county has brought him widespread respect and esteem and he is recognized today as one of the pioneer residents of this locality, a capable business man and a loyal and public-spirited citizen.

WILLIAM D. HUTCHINSON.

Among the capable, reliable and enterprising business men of Chippewa Falls, whose well directed activities have proved potent factors in the general commercial development of the city, is numbered William D. Hutchinson, secretary and treasurer and general manager of the Chippewa Valley Mercantile Company. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, August 9, 1856, and is a son of T. S. and Elizabeth (Dixon) Hutchinson, the former of whom was for many years a captain on the Great Lakes. He died in 1905, at the age of seventy-seven, and is buried at Menominee, Michigan. The family is of Scotch origin.

William D. Hutchinson acquired his education in the public schools of his native city and after the Chicago fire of 1871 laid aside his books and entered the employ of the Kirby Carpenter & Lumber Company, at Menominee, Michigan, a connection which he maintained until 1889. In that year he established himself in the retail grocery business and at the end of six years became identified with Penderthy-Cook & Company, wholesale grocers with whom he continued from 1895 to 1903, proving himself during this time a farsighted, capable and reliable business man. He resigned his position in the latter year and came to Chippewa Falls, where he became identified with the Chippewa Valley Mercantile Company as secretary, treasurer and general manager. In these important offices he has displayed excellent business and administrative ability and to him is due in large measure the credit for the later development of the concern along practical and progressive lines. A man of energy, resource and ability, he has made these qualities the basis of a great deal of farsighted and constructive work and has won for himself a most desirable place in business circles of the city.

At Menominee, Michigan, in December, 1882, Mr. Hutchinson was united in marriage to Miss Etta Blom, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Blom, the former a well known furniture dealer in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson have two sons: Thomas, who is manager of the Northwestern Lumber Com-

pany at Hoquiam, Washington; and William B., who is working in the lumber woods for the Wilson Brothers Logging Company.

Mr. Hutchinson attends the Presbyterian church and fraternally is connected with the Masonic order, being a member of Menominee Lodge, No. 269, of Michigan; Chippewa Chapter, No. 46, R. A. M.; and Tancred Commandery, No. 27, K. T. He is a republican in his political beliefs and intelligently interested in public affairs without being active as an office seeker. Much credit is due him for the excellent work he has accomplished in Chippewa Falls, for he has not only aided in the development of an important commercial concern but has gained a place among the substantial business men of the city, commanding the respect and confidence of all with whom he is brought in contact.

CHARLES KELLER.

Charles Keller, one of the able and progressive young business men of Bloomer, is superintendent of the Bloomer Machine Works, an institution which he assisted in founding and in the development of which he has borne an active and important part. He is a native of Sweden, born in 1873, a son of S. A. Keller, who is engaged in the blacksmithing business in his native country. S. A. Keller married Miss Rose Hollenberg and four children were born to their union.

Charles Keller acquired his education in the public schools of Sweden and after laying aside his books studied mechanics, displaying an unusual natural aptitude for this kind of work. In 1892 he came to the United States, settling first in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he remained for seven years. At the end of that time he moved to Eau Claire and at the end of six months to Bloomer where he has since resided. He was one of the organizers of the Bloomer Machine Works of which he is now superintendent and his energy and mechanical ability have been important factors in its success. He patented the Kelly engine, now manufactured by the concern, and has made many other important contributions towards the upbuilding of the enterprise.

Mr. Keller married Miss Christiana Paulus and they have four children: Florence, Helen, Carlos and Leonard. Mr. Keller is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. His attention is however largely concentrated upon his business affairs in which he has met with gratifying and well deserved success.

A. H. HUNT.

A. H. Hunt living in retirement at Eagleton was born in New York state on the 10th of March, 1845, and is a son of C. A. Hunt, also a native of the Empire state. The father engaged in lumbering and farming during his early life and was afterward for twenty-five years a hotel keeper in New York and Ohio. He died in the latter state when he was seventy-nine years of age. His

wife was in her maidenhood Miss Roxina Harris, and they became the parents of three sons and two daughters.

A. H. Hunt acquired his education in the public schools of Allegany county, New York, and after laying aside his books endeavored to enlist in the Union army for service in the Civil war. He was, however, below the required age and never went to the front, although he was hired by the government as a team driver. In this capacity he followed General Sherman through the latter's campaigns and at the close of the war came to Wisconsin settling in Eau Claire where he remained for ten years. At the end of that time he moved to the vicinity of Chippewa Falls purchasing a farm northeast of the city whereon he engaged in dairying and also in lumbering for some time. He still retains forty acres of this property but has rented it out and has taken up his residence in Eagleton where he lives retired.

Mr. Hunt married Miss Zilpah Trott, a native of Maine and a daughter of E. C. Trott, a carpenter and ship builder. The father was among the early settlers in Chippewa county, taking up his residence here in 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have five children: Harry; Florence, who married Henry Rheingans, by whom she has three children, Bernice, Ruth, and Hazel; Isabelle, who married F. P. Rheingans; Ina; and Earl.

Mr. Hunt gives his political allegiance to the republican party and was for six terms chairman of the town board. He has held several positions of public trust and is known also as the organizer and builder of the Eagleton Creamery. Through his own labor, enterprise and good management he has become the owner of an excellent property and has won a period of rest and retirement in his declining years.

WILLIAM GREWE.

William Grewe, owner of a dray line in Cadott, was born in Germany, November 15, 1873, a son of August and Fredericka (Lubeke) Grewe, natives of Germany, both born in 1848. The father emigrated to America in 1892, and settled in Wisconsin, buying land in Sigel township, this county, which he still operates. He and his wife became the parents of three children, William, Ferdinand and Emil.

William Grewe attended public school in Germany until he was fourteen years of age and afterward worked upon the farm until he was eighteen. He accompanied his parents to America in 1892 and for some time thereafter worked in the lumber woods during the winters and as a farm laborer in the summer months. After his marriage in 1897 he lived for four years in Cadott, at the end of that time buying a farm which he still owns and where he lived for four years, after which time he again moved to Cadott, turning his attention to business pursuits. He purchased a dray line in the town and under his able management this has become a very profitable enterprise. Mr. Grewe also acts as agent for the Chippewa Brewing Company at Cadott and has some valuable holdings in land, owning a comfortable residence in the town and eighty acres of farming land on section 24, township 27, range 7.

In Sigel township, December 8, 1897, Mr. Grewe was united in marriage to Miss Katharine Pfaff, a daughter of Adam and Marie Pfaff, the former a retired farmer, living in Cadott. Mr. and Mrs. Grewe are the parents of two children, Clara and Frieda. Mr. Grewe is a member of the German Lutheran church and a democrat in his political beliefs. His personal characteristics have gained him the warm regard and friendship of many, while in business circles he has attained that success which comes only as a result of merit and ability.

PAUL HARTMAN.

Paul Hartman, a prosperous farmer of Auburn township, owning a fine property of one hundred and sixty acres, is a native son of Chippewa county, born in 1868. His father, George Hartman, was a native of Germany and came to the United States when he was fourteen years of age. He was among the pioneers in the settlement of Chippewa county and has followed farming here since that time, having now reached the age of seventy-seven. He married Miss Catherine Rander and they became the parents of ten children.

Paul Hartman acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, buying the farm which he now owns. He erected all of the buildings upon it and has made other substantial improvements, the property reflecting everywhere the many years of care and labor he has bestowed upon it.

Mr. Hartman married Miss Theresa Dachel and they have six children, Dora, Sebastian, Herman, Agnes, Robert and William. Mr. Hartman is a member of the Roman Catholic church and connected fraternally with the Catholic Knights. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and for the past fourteen years has served as school district clerk, discharging his duties in a capable, businesslike and conscientious way. His worth received additional recognition last spring when he was elected town clerk. In all official and business dealings he is straightforward and reliable and he enjoys to the fullest extent the confidence and good-will of his fellow citizens.

A. J. MARTIN.

A. J. Martin, one of the most prominent and enterprising of the younger generation of business men of Bloomer, is well known as a general contractor and as the owner of the business operated under the name of the A. J. Martin Lumber Company. He is a native of Bloomer, born in 1882, a son of Henry Martin, whose birth occurred in Wayne township, Washington county, this state. The father was for forty-five years engaged in the blacksmithing business and for the past forty years has lived in Bloomer which counts him among its best known pioneers. In 1902 he abandoned blacksmithing and entered the employ of W. G. Cutting, remaining with them five years. In 1908 he associated himself with his son in the contracting and lumber business. His wife, who was in

her maidenhood Miss Dora Schroeder, was born in Germany and died in Bloomer in 1908. They were the parents of ten children, seven of whom are still living.

A. J. Martin acquired his education in the public schools of Bloomer and after laying aside his books worked at blacksmithing and carpentering until 1905 when he turned his attention to the contracting business. He is the largest contractor in the town and has been connected with a great deal of important work, having erected practically all of the large buildings in Bloomer. He has now the contracts for the construction of the Peoples State Bank building and the Cutting building, besides seven residences in town and a schoolhouse in the country. In connection with his contracting business he operates a lumber yard under the name of the A. J. Martin Lumber Company and he deals in all kinds of building material, having on hand everything necessary for the construction of a building from cellar to chimney. In Bloomer he is regarded as a progressive, energetic and capable business man whose success is the natural result of his own well directed efforts.

Mr. Martin married Miss Ella Schnoor who was born in the vicinity of Bloomer. He is independent in his political beliefs and is interested in the welfare and growth of the city although he never seeks public office. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and he is a devout member of the German Lutheran church. Although still a young man he has already won gratifying success in business and the future undoubtedly holds for him continued advancement along his chosen line.

ROBERT A. LANG.

Energy, persevering labor and well directed effort have been the basis of the success of Robert A. Lang, and have brought him today to a position among the large landowners and prosperous farmers of his locality. He owns one thousand acres on sections 22, 26 and 27, Lafayette township, the property having been originally in the possession of the Badger State Lumber Company. Mr. Lang was born in Rock county, this state, March 22, 1855, and is a son of Henry W. and Annice (Ross) Lang, the former of whom was for many years a machinery manufacturer in Ottawa, Ontario. He died in 1901, having survived his wife since 1884. She was laid to rest in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and her husband is buried near Pembroke, Ontario.

Robert A. Lang acquired his education in the public schools of Ottawa, laying aside his books at the age of seventeen. He afterward served an apprenticeship as a machinist and then learned engineering, working at this profession on boats on the Ottawa river for several years. After he came to the United States he worked as a hydraulic engineer, doing bridge construction work and building other river improvements, such as dams and reservoirs for various well known lumber concerns operating on the Chippewa, St. Croix and Wisconsin rivers. He is still active in this line of work, concentrating his attention upon the development of water power for electrical purposes. Some time ago Mr. Lang bought from the Badger State Lumber Company one thousand acres in Lafayette township and he is today one of the large landowners in that section of the county.

His holdings include Lake Hallie and Electric Park, the latter being rented by Mr. Lang to the Chippewa Valley Light & Power Company. Mr. Lang gives a great deal of time to his farming interests and his property, which is known as the Lang Lake farm, is one of the finest and best equipped in this section of the state.

In Eau Claire, Wisconsin, February 14, 1883, Mr. Lang was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Ross, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Ross, the former an old resident of Eau Claire. Both have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Lang have three children: Margaret, who is a graduate of Downer College, Milwaukee, and who is teaching in the public schools of Eau Claire; Hiram, a student in the State University of Wisconsin; and Paul, who is assisting his father and attending the high school of Eau Claire.

Mr. Lang is a thirty-second degree Mason and belongs to the blue lodge, chapter, consistory and shrine. He is independent in his political beliefs and is interested in public affairs, having served for one term as a member of the state legislature, representing the first district of Eau Claire. Although one of the later arrivals in Chippewa county, he has become widely and favorably known here, his business integrity, progressive spirit and personal characteristics having gained him the esteem and respect of many friends.

J. B. THERIAULT.

Throughout a period of residence in Chippewa Falls dating from 1867, J. B. Theriault has witnessed a great deal of the development of the city and has made his progressive citizenship a valuable asset in its growth. For the past twenty-two years he has been prominently identified with industrial interests as a manufacturer of red brick and his plant at Tilden, Wisconsin, is one of the largest enterprises of its kind in that part of Chippewa county. Mr. Theriault was born at Cacouna, Temiscouata county, Quebec, December 26, 1846, and is a son of Charles and Celeste (Roy) Theriault, both of French Canadian origin. The father was a pioneer settler in that part of Quebec province and engaged in farming there for a number of years. Both parents have passed away and are buried near Thetford Mine, Quebec.

J. B. Theriault was reared in his native province and acquired his education in a little log schoolhouse. He laid aside his books at the age of fourteen and then assisted his father with the work of the farm for three years. At the end of that time he moved to Ottawa, Ontario, and there worked in the lumber camps on Gatineau river for two years but in 1867 moved to Michigan, settling in Bay City, where he worked in a sawmill. In October of the same year he moved to Chippewa county and for a time worked in the lumber camps in the winters and in the sawmills during the summers, spending seven years in this way. For three years thereafter he worked at anything which would bring him an income and then, seeking to better his fortune, moved to California, where, however, he met with indifferent success. Returning to Chippewa county, he engaged in the liquor business in Chippewa Falls and was thus engaged for several years, after which he established himself as a red brick manufacturer. For the past

twenty-two years he has engaged extensively in this line of work, each year marking an increase in his prosperity and a substantial growth in his business. He controls today a large and important patronage and his factory in Tilden, Wisconsin, supplies an extensive trade. The offices are located at No. 303 North Bridge street and the business transacted there is constantly increasing in volume and importance.

Mr. Theriault married in Ste. Marie, Beauce, Quebec, October 15, 1877, Miss Demerise Hammann, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hammann, both of whom have passed away and are buried in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Theriault have become the parents of a daughter, Marie L., who is a graduate of the Milwaukee Conservatory of Music. Mr. Theriault is a democrat in his political beliefs and in 1893 served as city auditor, discharging his duties capably and conscientiously. He is well known to the citizens of Chippewa Falls, among whom he has resided for forty-six years, and is respected alike in business and social circles as an upright man and a progressive citizen.

EUGENE P. ELLENSON, M. D.

Dr. Eugene P. Ellenson is one of the leading surgeons in Chippewa Falls and since 1892 has specialized in this branch of his profession here, securing a large, representative and important patronage, which has been accorded to him in recognition of his superior merit and ability. He was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, April 29, 1869, and is a son of Eugene J. and Eva M. (Meier) Ellenson, the former for many years a traveling salesman. Both now make their home at Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Dr. Eugene P. Ellenson acquired his primary education in the Eau Claire public schools and afterward entered Beloit College, where he studied for three years. At the end of that time he entered Rush Medical College in Chicago and from that institution received his degree of M. D. in 1892. The day after his graduation he came to Chippewa Falls, entering upon the practice of his profession, in which he has since attained a position of prominence and distinction. Dr. Ellenson specializes in surgery, devoting practically all of his time to this branch of his work. He has performed many difficult operations most successfully and his reputation has steadily grown as his skill and ability have become more generally recognized. In addition to his private practice he is surgeon of St. Joseph's Hospital and surgeon for the Soo Line and he keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought in his profession through his membership in the county and state medical societies and the American Medical Association.

On the 30th of May, 1890, in St. Paul, Minnesota, Dr. Ellenson was united in marriage to Miss Rose L. Argard, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Argard, the former commissioner of immigration for the state of Wisconsin for many years. Both were old-time residents of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where they passed away. Dr. and Mrs. Ellenson have become the parents of a son, Eugene A., who is studying medicine at the State University at Madison. The family residence is at No. 421 West Willow street and is one of the attractive homes in that locality.



DR. EUGENE P. ELLENSON

Dr. Ellenson gives his allegiance to the democratic party but is not active politically, preferring to devote all of his attention to his professional duties. During the twenty-one years he has engaged in practice in Chippewa Falls his powers have continually developed and he is today one of the leading representatives of his profession in the city and vicinity.

THOMAS ROYCRAFT.

Thomas Roycraft, widely and favorably known in Chippewa county, where he has resided since 1868, is prominently connected with agricultural interests here, owning and operating three hundred and forty acres of land on section 32, Lafayette township. He was born in Schull, County Cork, Ireland, January 30, 1852, his parents being John and Mary (Camier) Roycraft. The father came with his family to America in 1863 and after a short stay in New York city moved to North Adams, Massachusetts, where he worked as a carpenter on the Hoosac tunnel. On the 15th of April, 1865, the family went by way of Milwaukee to the vicinity of Oshkosh, where the father rented a farm, developing and operating this for three years. At the end of that time he moved to Eau Claire and engaged as a carpenter in the employ of the Eau Claire Lumber Company. Four years later he purchased land in Chippewa county, buying a quarter of section 29, Lafayette township. He found this a wilderness covered with a heavy growth of timber and the entire family aided in felling the trees and in putting the land in condition for cultivation. As the years passed he became a prosperous and progressive farmer and gained the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens. He and his wife have passed away, both having died in 1887. They are buried in Lafayette cemetery.

Thomas Roycraft acquired his education partly in Ireland, partly in Brooklyn, New York, and partly in Oshkosh and Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He laid aside his books at the age of fifteen and thereafter for three years was employed in a sawmill at Eau Claire. When his parents moved to a farm in Chippewa county he accompanied them, residing upon the homestead until he was twenty-three years of age and aiding with the work of its clearing and operation. He was afterward employed in a mill and in the lumber woods of the northern part of the state, receiving his first logging contract in 1879. He carried this out for Peet & Barnard, which firm sold out to the Chippewa Lumber & Boom Company. Mr. Roycraft continued in that line of business until 1896 but in the meantime in 1882 purchased his first farm, which was located on section 28. He sold that property and moved to another farm, afterward buying and selling several tracts of land before finally settling upon his present holdings. These comprise three hundred and forty acres on section 32, Lafayette township, and Mr. Roycraft has provided the farm with an excellent residence and has made other substantial improvements. He carries on general farming and dairying and has met with well merited success in the conduct of his business interests.

Mr. Roycraft has been twice married. He wedded first on the 29th of March, 1882, Miss Ellen Harvey, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Harvey, early settlers in Wisconsin. The father aided in the erection of the first capitol build-

ing at Madison and became well known in farming circles of Winnebago county. He and his wife have passed away and are buried in Rushford township, that county. Mrs. Roycraft died September 13, 1894, and is buried in Lafayette cemetery. To this union were born eight children: Leslie, who died of diphtheria in October, 1888, at the age of five, and is buried in the family plot in Lafayette cemetery; Adelaide E., who died of the same disease October 31, 1888, at the age of three and one-half years; Robert J., who also died of diphtheria, his demise occurring October 4, 1888, when he was two years of age; Oscar, who died September 4, 1892, at the age of two; Ellen S., who died August 15, 1895; Hollis, who died September 24, 1895, at the age of two and one-half years; Cyrus W., who is operating the farm formerly owned by his father; and Howard S., a resident of Marshfield, Oregon. On the 2d of April, 1895, Mr. Roycraft was again married, his second wife being Mrs. Amy M. (Melville) Johnson, a daughter of John C. and Alice (Williamson) Melville, the former of whom was the first resident in Melville settlement. Mrs. Roycraft was the widow of Joseph Johnson, who lived and died in Chippewa county. By her union to Mr. Johnson there were three children: Laura, a professional nurse at Duluth, Minnesota; Tracy, who resides with his mother; and Raymond, who also lives with his mother. To Mr. Roycraft's second union have been born four children, Henry, James, Louis and Amy.

Mr. Roycraft is a member of the Episcopal church and is a republican in his political beliefs. His success is directly attributable to hard work and the intelligent use of the opportunities which have presented themselves and it has brought him to a high place among the representative and substantial agriculturists of his locality.

WILLIAM LARSON.

Prominently identified with various business and corporate interests of Bloomer, William Larson figures as one of the representative men of that community, and for many years has been one of the most potent forces in promoting its commercial and financial growth. He is vice president of the Bank of Bloomer, treasurer and general manager of the Farmers Store Company and vice president of the Bloomer Machine Works and is connected with numerous other important concerns. He is a native of Chippewa county, born in 1861, a son of Martin Larson, who came from Norway to the United States when he was a young man, settling in Wisconsin where he turned his attention to farming. He died in Chippewa when he was sixty-two years of age.

William Larson acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books entered the mercantile business in Bloomer, becoming connected with the Farmers Store Company of which he is now general manager. The other officers are: C. P. Hansen, president; Arnt Erickson, vice president, and Jacob Boehmer, secretary. This is the largest mercantile establishment in Bloomer and there are besides five branches in Chippewa, Barron and Dunn counties. A complete line of general merchandise is carried and there is a special building for farm machinery. Under Mr. Larson's

efficient direction the business has increased rapidly and the company is now in control of an important trade. He is recognized as a progressive and resourceful business man and possesses the faculty of carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

Mr. Larson married Miss Laura Benson, a native of Chippewa county, and they have become the parents of two children: Lucy and Leon. Mr. Larson is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is a republican in his political beliefs. He served for some time as clerk of the courts of this county, proving a capable and conscientious official. He has an extensive circle of friends in Chippewa county where he has spent his entire life and holds the esteem and confidence of all who are associated with him.

HENRY KUNTZ.

Henry Kuntz, founder and president of the North Wisconsin Manufacturing Company and as such an important factor in business circles of Chippewa Falls, was born at Cedarburg, Wisconsin, May 29, 1853, and is a son of Christian and Caroline (Conrad) Kuntz. The father was one of the first settlers in Wisconsin, coming to America from Germany in 1843 and settling in this state when Milwaukee was no more than a swamp in the wilderness. He engaged in the real-estate business in Cedarburg for a number of years, having cut the first tree on the present town site, and he became well and favorably known in political circles of Brown county, having served as a delegate to various state conventions and as a member of the county board of supervisors. During eight years he made five journeys to his native country, where he slept in the room where his cradle once stood. He was a well read and extremely able man, taking an intelligent interest in community affairs and giving his hearty cooperation to projects which had for their object the advancement of the permanent interests of the county. He died in 1901, at the age of eighty-two, and is buried in Pine Grove, Wisconsin. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1855, leaving eight children.

Henry Kuntz acquired his education in the public schools of Morrison, Brown county, and at the age of sixteen moved to Peshtigo, where he worked at loading vessels in the harbor and also attended school for five years. Returning home at the end of that time, he secured a position in a sawmill and held it for four years, after which he moved to Marshfield, Wood county, where he turned his attention to the manufacture of staves and beer barrels, building up a large and important trade, his territory extending as far west as San Francisco. During this time he also followed the real-estate business and became very well known in business circles, rising to prominence as a man of energy, resourcefulness and well directed ambition. At this period in his career he first became connected with public life, being elected assessor of the town of Marshfield, which included five townships of Wood county. He was afterward, almost without his knowledge and entirely without his solicitation, elected treasurer of Wood county and he held this office for ten years thereafter, his able service being evidenced by the fact that at his last election he polled the largest majority of votes

ever received by a candidate for the office. In 1883 he was elected sheriff and reelected in 1887 and his work in this office was distinguished by the same clear-sightedness, energy and conscientiousness which have marked all of his public service. From Wood county Mr. Kuntz removed to Chippewa Falls, where he established himself as a manufacturer of barrel staves and where he engaged also as a dealer in real estate, continuing thus until 1903, when he turned his attention to his present line of work. He founded the North Wisconsin Manufacturing Company and erected a plant at the corner of Maynard street and East Grand avenue. Here from ten to twenty people are constantly employed in the manufacture of all kinds of interior furnishings and the business forms one of the important industrial concerns in Chippewa Falls. Since its foundation Mr. Kuntz has served as president and to his enterprise, well-timed aggressiveness and ability the institution owes its continued growth and present prosperity.

Mr. Kuntz is a republican in his political beliefs and belongs to the Masonic lodge and chapter. His attention is, however, largely concentrated upon his business affairs, which are ably and progressively managed and which have brought him a success that places him among the men of marked ability and substantial worth in his community.

CORNELIUS CHRISTIANSON.

Cornelius Christianson, prominently connected with industrial interests of Bloomer as manager of the Bloomer Milling Company, the business of which is controlled by the Christianson estate, was born in Chippewa county, four miles south of Bloomer, in Tilden township, in 1887. He is a son of Ole Christianson, a native of Norway, who came to the United States when he was about twenty-eight years of age and located in Minnesota. He afterward moved to Chippewa county, where he followed farming and the lumbering and logging business for a number of years. Until 1905 he owned a large lumber yard in Bloomer, disposing of this when he purchased from R. D. Marshall and A. B. McDonald the business operated under the name of the Bloomer Milling Company. The original plant was destroyed by fire in 1907 and Ole Christianson erected the present mill which he continued to conduct until his death, which occurred February 23, 1908. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Eline Gubberud and they became the parents of two children: Cornelius, of this review; and Mrs. E. F. Ackley.

Cornelius Christianson acquired his education in the public schools of Bloomer and later attended a business college in Eau Claire. After laying aside his books he became connected with the Bloomer Milling Company as bookkeeper for his father. Since the latter's death he has been acting as manager of the concern and has directed its affairs in a farsighted and progressive way. This is the largest mill in the county outside of Chippewa Falls and in it is manufactured the Purity and Belle brands of flour. The company also handles all kinds of grain, feed, hay and potatoes and employs about five men the year round. In his management of this important enterprise Mr. Christianson has proved himself a reliable,

resourceful and progressive business man and the concern has grown rapidly during the years of his connection with it.

Mr. Christianson is a republican in his political beliefs and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Norwegian Lutheran church. Bloomer numbers him among her valued residents and the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from childhood is an indication that his life has been at all times worthy of the high esteem in which he is uniformly held.

ALBERT I. JOHNSON.

Albert I. Johnson is actively engaged in general farming and dairying upon one hundred and sixty acres of land in Tilden township and is numbered among the most progressive and able of the younger farmers in this locality. He was born upon the property he now operates in 1886 and is a son of John Johnson, a native of Norway, who came to the United States after he was fifty years of age. The latter worked in different sections of the country until about 1876, when he moved to Chippewa county and purchased the farm now in possession of his son. Here he engaged in general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred when was eighty-two years of age. He married here Miss Anna Berg, who survives him, and they became the parents of three children: Mrs. A. L. Andreassen, of Sunnyside, Washington; Albert I., of this review; and Oscar, living in Bloomer.

Albert I. Johnson acquired his education in the public schools of this county and in those of Bloomer and he later attended the State University at Madison. After he laid aside his books he assumed the management of the homestead and this property he has since operated, carrying on general farming and dairying. In the management and conduct of the place he displays excellent business ability and his enterprise, careful control and keen discernment are factors which have gained for him a place among the leading agriculturists of his locality.

In December, 1912, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Lennie Dietrich, and both are well known and favorably regarded in Tilden township. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Although still a young man, he occupies a position among the prosperous farmers of Chippewa county and the most envious cannot grudge him his success—so worthily has it been won.

JAMES HARRISON MUNRO.

Among the honored and prominent citizens of Chippewa county is James Harrison Munro, president of the State Bank of Cadott and for many years a well known merchant of the town. He has now passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey, having been born in the town of Bolton, Chittenden county, Vermont, in 1837. His parents were Spencer and Lucy (Kent) Munro, the former of Irish descent and the latter of Scotch lineage. In She-

boygan Falls, James H. Munro pursued his education and devoted ten years of early manhood to the occupation of farming. At different times in his life obstacles and difficulties have confronted him but courage has enabled him to continuously progress to success. For twenty-seven years he engaged in general merchandising, keeping a well appointed store, and his close application and unfaltering energy were the factors in bringing him the substantial rewards of labor. He is now living practically retired, although he is still identified with financial interests as a director and president of the State Bank at Cadott.

In Richford, Wisconsin, in 1861, Mr. Munro was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Jane Firman, who was indeed a faithful companion and helpmate to him on life's journey. In early womanhood she engaged in teaching school. She proved herself a homemaker and one who carefully managed household affairs and wisely reared her children, four in number—Cora, Arthur, Fred and Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Munro traveled life's way happily together for forty-four years or until they were separated by the death of the wife in 1905.

In politics Mr. Munro is a republican, having long supported the party, believing firmly in its principles. He has acceptably filled several local offices, serving as town treasurer, as postmaster, as justice of the peace, as president of the village and in several minor positions. He has made an excellent record in all these connections and the town has profited by his efforts in its behalf. He has long been prominent in the Odd Fellows society, is a past grand of the local lodge, a member of the grand lodge and also president of Group No. 9 of Wisconsin. High ideals have actuated him in his life and he has ever been governed by manly principles, endeavoring to do to others as he would have them do to him. He commands the respect and good-will of all and is justly accounted one of the worthy and valued citizens of Chippewa county.

JOHN H. MCGRAW.

John H. McGraw, a timber estimator residing at No. 519 West Willow street in Chippewa Falls, has become an expert in that line through many years' experience. He has made his home in Chippewa Falls for the past forty-six years and has long been numbered among its prosperous, respected and representative citizens. His birth occurred in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, on the 4th of March, 1850, his parents being William and Ellen (Keith) McGraw. The family is of Scotch-Irish origin. William McGraw, a pioneer farmer and store-keeper of Waukesha county, passed away when our subject was but three months old. Both he and his wife, whose demise occurred in 1861, are buried in the cemetery of Erin, Washington county.

John H. McGraw attended the public schools of his native county until fourteen years of age and then removed to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he worked for a farmer for a short time. In 1867 he came to Chippewa Falls and was here employed as helper to a male cook for about one year. Subsequently he worked in the woods, hauling logs for the firm of Gilbert Hedge & Company, in whose employ he remained for about five years. On the expiration of that period he went out as an examiner, exploring the woods and land to estimate the standing

pine, and with this line of work he has been identified continuously since. His duties have often necessitated his absence from home for thirty days, and he has carried provisions and remained away as long as these lasted. He is a director of the Northwestern State Bank and owns much property. He is still frequently called upon to settle disputes in timber estimates and is widely recognized as an expert on the subject.

On the 4th of July, 1875, at Chippewa Falls, Mr. McGraw was united in marriage to Miss Anna Melville, her parents being William and Carrie (Thomas) Melville, both of whom are deceased and lie buried in the cemetery of Lafayette, this county. William Melville was a pioneer agriculturist of Chippewa county. Mr. and Mrs. McGraw have had four children, as follows: May, who died at the age of twenty-three years and is buried in the Forest Hill cemetery of Chippewa Falls; Martha, who is the wife of Carl E. Johnson, a traveling salesman; W. D., who acts as a special agent for the Lumbermen's Fire Insurance Company; and Doris, a high school student. The handsome family residence was erected by Mr. McGraw.

In politics Mr. McGraw is a staunch democrat, supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls. He has served in the capacity of county surveyor and did excellent work in that connection. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion and he has done valuable work in its behalf as a member of the board of education for more than twenty-four consecutive years, still serving thereon at the present time. Fraternally he is a Knights Templar Mason, belonging to the commandery at Chippewa Falls. Industry and progress seem to be the salient features in his career and have been potent elements in the acquirement of a success which, however, is apparent not only in terms of material gain but also in the regard and high esteem of his fellowmen.

CARL PEDERSEN.

Carl Pedersen, who for many years has been associated in an influential way with farming interests of Chippewa county, was born in Aker, Norway, May 10, 1852, and is a son of Peder Rasmussen and Maren Ammunsen, both of whom have passed away and are buried in that locality. He acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and laid aside his books at the age of fourteen. He afterward worked at driving logs on the river until 1872, when he emigrated to America, settling in Chippewa county, where he engaged in the same line of business in the employ of the Chippewa Lumber & Boom Company. He worked in the mills and in various other departments of this concern for a number of years but in the meantime had purchased land on section 13, Lafayette township. This he developed in connection with his other business affairs for a number of years but is now concentrating his attention upon his farming interests. At the time he took up his home upon the property it was covered with a heavy growth of timber and brush but he has now cleared over sixty acres, six acres being planted in tobacco. He has erected excellent buildings upon the property and has otherwise improved it until today it returns him a substantial income.

Mr. Pedersen married in Chippewa Falls in 1883 Miss Agnes Hanson, a daughter of Hans Holberson, of Christiania, Norway. He died in that city and his wife afterward emigrated to America. She also has passed away and is buried in Lafayette cemetery. Mrs. Pedersen died in August, 1911, at the age of fifty-nine years, leaving seven children: Alma, the wife of Christ Ingbertson, a lumber piler in Stanley; Martha, who married Andrew Pedersen, of Superior, Wisconsin; Peder, a farmer in Montana; Hartwig, a resident of Chicago; Arnold, of Chippewa Falls; Conrad, who is assisting his father; and Carl Edler, a farmer in Montana.

Mr. Pedersen is a member of the Scandinavian Workers Association, belongs to the United Norwegian church and is a republican in his political beliefs. His success is well merited for it has come to him as a reward of labor.

J. E. KUBAT.

In charge of one of the finest clothing establishments in the state of Wisconsin, J. E. Kubat occupies an important position among the merchants of Chippewa Falls, being a member of the St. Clair-Kubat Company, a corporation which operates a string of seventeen clothing stores in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the Dakotas. A progressive and up-to-date young man, Mr. Kubat has taken a leading place in commercial circles, although he came to Chippewa Falls only in January, 1910, making his way here from Owatonna, Minnesota, where he was born April 5, 1881. He is a son of Joseph and Anna (Slezak) Kubat, who now reside at Cromwell, Minnesota. The father is prominent there as president of the village and has held other important offices. He was one of the pioneers of that part of Minnesota and has participated in its advancement toward becoming the great commonwealth it is today.

J. E. Kubat received his education in Owatonna, Minnesota, leaving school at the early age of twelve years in order to become connected with the clothing business, along which line he has ever since been engaged. He now conducts the local store of the St. Clair-Kubat Company which is one of the best appointed and best stocked in the state. It is a credit to the city of Chippewa Falls and would be a credit to any metropolitan city. The St. Clair-Kubat Company was formed by five enterprising business men: W. F. St. Clair, of Owatonna, Minnesota; Jacob Lenthold, of Kasson, that state; Charles Lenthold, of Waseca, Minnesota; John Lenthold, of St. Paul; and J. E. Kubat, our subject. This company operates seventeen modern and well appointed stores scattered throughout Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas. On account of this combination it is enabled to purchase at the very lowest figures and mark its goods at the most reasonable prices, without lowering the quality. They handle only first-class goods and stand back of them with their business reputation. The store of the St. Clair-Kubat Company in Chippewa Falls burned out in 1912 but instead of being hampered by this unfortunate accident it proved but a stepping-stone toward the establishment of a more commodious and more modern store. They immediately bought a building of their own, remodeled it and made it one of the model clothing stores of the city. Mr. Kubat, who is also inter-



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ested in the other stores, is one of the most aggressive merchants of the city and public-spirited in the best sense of the word, being interested in anything that will benefit the locality.

At Owatonna, Minnesota, on June 22, 1909, Mr. Kubat was united in marriage to Miss Elise Kasper, a daughter of Albert and Rose Kasper, residents of that city. The father has held important offices there and is one of the oldest business men of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Kubat have one son, Clifford E. They make their home at No. 19 West Central street, Chippewa Falls, and are prominent in the best social circles of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Kubat are members of the Episcopal church and the former is prominent fraternally, being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of the World. Mr. Kubat exemplifies in his career the value of action and determination and although yet a young man, occupies an important position in the commercial life of the city, being also a factor in its growth, progress and expansion, although he has never aspired to official honors, preferring to advance the general interests in a private capacity.

LOUIS C. MANDELERT.

Among the well-to-do agriculturists of Chippewa county is Louis C. Mandelert, who owns a farm of twenty-one acres in Chippewa Falls. Beside this valuable property he also owns improved real estate in the city and other farm land in Sawyer county. He comes of distinguished French ancestry and his father was one of the pioneers of this county. Louis C. Mandelert is a native of Chippewa county, his birth having occurred on August 13, 1876, his parents being Charles and Louise (Thiberaut) Mandelert. The father was one of the first and most prominent lumbermen here and for a number of years served as secretary and treasurer of the French Lumber Company. He also owned a general merchandise store for some time and was one of the first treasurers of the township of Lafayette. Moreover, he was prominent in church affairs, having served as the first treasurer of St. John the Baptist Society. Mr. Mandelert, Sr., died in 1909, at the age of eighty-four years, his wife having preceded him in death twenty-two years, having passed away in 1887, at the age of thirty-five. Both found their last resting place in Mount Calvary cemetery in Chippewa Falls.

Louis C. Mandelert received his primary education in the Holy Ghost parochial school and subsequently attended St. John's College of Collegeville, Minnesota, where he graduated in 1894. He then became bookkeeper for the French Lumber Company, continuing in that position until he purchased his present property. His farm is in the very best condition and highly productive. The residence thereon has been recently remodeled by Mr. Mandelert. He also owns considerable improved real estate in the city and holds title to farm land in Sawyer county.

On June 10, 1901, Mr. Mandelert married, at Chippewa Falls, Miss Mabel G. Crain, a daughter of Albert and Amelia Crain, the former of whom was in former years a well known logger, and both parents now reside in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Mandelert have four children: Alice A., Helen, Lucille M. and Robert L.

Progressive and public-spirited, Mr. Mandelert takes a great interest in all matters of public importance and has been prominent in the life of the city. His political affiliation is that of a democrat and he upholds the measures and candidates of that party at the polls. He has served as alderman and city auditor of Chippewa Falls and in both connections discharged his duties in a most commendable manner. He enjoys in full measure the esteem, good will and respect of his fellow citizens and is an important factor in promoting the progress and advancement of Chippewa Falls.

THEODORE JOHNSON.

Among the younger generation of Tilden township's prosperous farmers is numbered Theodore Johnson, living upon one hundred and forty acres located six miles southeast of Bloomer, a fine property which reflects everywhere his careful supervision and the practical labor he has bestowed upon it. He was born on the Johnson homestead in this county in 1885 and is a son of Hans Johnson, a native of Norway, who came to the United States when he was twelve years of age and settled in Wisconsin, where he grew to manhood. He afterward engaged in farming in Chippewa county and continued active in the operation of his property until his death, which occurred when he was fifty-two years of age. He married Miss Ragnel Lofthus, and they became the parents of eight children.

Theodore Johnson was reared upon his father's farm and at an early age was thoroughly familiar with the best agricultural methods. He remained upon the homestead until 1908 and then purchased one hundred and forty acres in Tilden township, Chippewa county, a property upon which he has since resided. He has made substantial improvements upon it and there engages in general farming, meeting with that success which always follows earnest, persistent and well directed labor.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and is a republican in his political beliefs. He has rendered the township excellent service as a member of the school board and is interested in community affairs without being active as an office seeker. Although he is still a young man, he has already become an important factor in the agricultural development of his locality and his future will undoubtedly be marked by continued progress.

RICHARD A. SHARP.

Richard A. Sharp is one of the younger agriculturists of Ruby township, Chippewa county. He owns a valuable property comprising two hundred and forty acres, improved with substantial buildings and one of the finest residences in his section. Moreover, Mr. Sharp can lay claim to distinction as one of the participants in the Spanish-American war, in which he followed the stars and stripes to Cuba.

Richard A. Sharp was born in Wooster, Ohio, May 22, 1870, a son of Phillip W. Sharp, a native of Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and a miller by trade, who changed his domicile in 1859, when he moved to Ohio. During the Civil war he showed his patriotism by serving in the Union army. After retiring from active life he made his home in Canton, Ohio, where he passed away. He was married to a Miss Flohr, who also died in that city.

Richard A. Sharp was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of his education attended the common schools until seventeen years of age. He then took up telegraphy and was employed as operator in various places until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. In April, 1898, he responded to the call for volunteers and enlisted in Company L, Eighth Ohio Infantry, which regiment was with Shafter's army in Cuba and took part in the siege of Santiago. During the first two months of his enlistment he was a member of the United States Signal Corps, serving for the rest of the time as a private in his regiment. In 1901 Mr. Sharp came to Chippewa county and settled on two hundred and forty acres of unbroken land, to which he had acquired title as early as 1899. There were no roads leading to his farm when he came here and everything was as yet in a wild state. All of the valuable improvements on the farm have been made by him, and among these especially noteworthy is a substantial, commodious, well equipped frame house—one of the finest in the county. His outbuildings are also suitable and solidly built, giving evidence of the foresight and good management with which the farm is operated. Mr. Sharp engages in general farming and is on the highroad to prosperity.

At Fountain City, Wisconsin, Mr. Sharp was united in marriage to Miss Lillian J. Clarke, a native of Fond du Lac county. Mr. Sharp has ever taken deep interest in all matters affecting the public welfare and for five years has ably served as supervisor of Ruby township. He gives his allegiance to the republican party—that party which so quickly settled the dispute with Spain and gave freedom to the oppressed peoples of the West Indies. He is as patriotic in his citizenship as he was as a soldier when he followed the flag to Cuba and is therefore highly respected and esteemed by all who know him, and there are many who are proud to call him friend.

MARTIN M. BERG.

Martin M. Berg, a prominent agriculturist and dairyman of Auburn township, owns a farm of one hundred and seventy-six acres two and a half miles west of Bloomer. He was born upon this property in 1879 and is a son of Peter M. Berg, a native of Norway, who came to the United States when he was about thirty-five years of age. He settled in Menomonie, this state, and came from there to Chippewa Falls, locating on the land now owned by the subject of this review. Here he passed away at the age of fifty-eight. He and his wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Martha Halverson, had eight children, six of whom are still living.

Martin M. Berg acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books began assisting with the work of the home-

stead. He finally purchased the property, upon which he has erected practically all of the buildings and made other substantial improvements. He has met with a gratifying measure of success and the place reflects everywhere the care of an able and progressive agriculturist.

Mr. Berg married Miss Alba Evenson, and they have two children, Leona and Alvin. Mr. Berg's political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Beavers. He and his wife are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church. He is a man whose personal characteristics have gained him the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen and whose industry, enterprise and integrity have not only contributed to his own prosperity but have enabled him to do much toward advancing the general welfare.

NICHOLAS GUNDERMANN.

Nicholas Gundermann lives six miles northeast of Bloomer, in Bloomer township, where he owns and operates a fine farm of three hundred and forty acres. He was born in Germany in 1853 and is a son of Matthias Gundermann, who emigrated to America and settled in Chippewa county when he was about forty years of age. He turned his attention to farming here and became one of the prosperous and substantial agriculturists of this locality. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Elizabeth Peters and they became the parents of five children.

Nicholas Gundermann acquired a public-school education and after laying aside his books, for some time turned his attention to farming. In Chippewa county he worked in the lumber woods for a number of years and finally purchased three hundred and forty acres in Bloomer township, upon which he has since resided. He carries on general farming and dairying and because he has steadily adhered to practical and progressive methods has met with a gratifying measure of success.

Mr. Gundermann married Miss Kate Bishel and they have twelve children, Kate, Louisa, Lillie, Sadie, Mollie, Felix, Clara, Della, Leo, Rosa, Laurence and Esther. Mr. Gundermann gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is a member of the Roman Catholic church. He is a man whose industry, honesty and ability have gained him success in his farming operations and whose excellent traits of mind and character have commanded for him the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

ELI EVENSON.

Eli Evenson, who for the past thirty-seven years has been engaged in general farming and dairying upon a fine property of two hundred acres eight miles southwest of Bloomer, was born in Norway in 1840, a son of Even Ellefsen. The father emigrated to America in 1848 and settled first in Chicago, whence he moved to Fond du Lac county, this state, where he engaged in farming until his death in 1852.

Eli Evenson was eight years of age when he was brought by his parents to America. He acquired his education in the public schools of Fond du Lac county and after laying aside his books turned his attention to farming. After his father's death he went with his mother to the vicinity of Eau Claire and took up a claim near Elk Mound upon which he made his home while he worked in the woods. He lived there until after he was twenty-eight years of age, when he moved to the vicinity of Colfax where he purchased a farm. This he sold in 1876 and bought his present property upon which he has resided for thirty-seven years. The place is a testimonial to his industry and ability for he has made all the improvements upon it, erected barns and outbuildings and installed the necessary equipment. He engages in general farming and dairying and has made both branches of his activities profitable sources of income.

When he was twenty-six years old Mr. Evenson married Miss Johanna Elisabeth Brandt and they became the parents of eleven children, six of whom survive as follows: Carl, a resident of Canada; Albert; Elvin; Claudine, who married O. A. Aasen, a resident of Minnesota; Alba, who became the wife of Martin Berg; and Clara, who married Oscar Hanson. Mr. Evenson is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and is a republican in his political beliefs. A resident of Auburn township for thirty-seven years he has become widely and favorably known there and has made many substantial contributions to agricultural development.

BRADFORD D. VILES.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in business and financial circles of Chippewa Falls than Bradford D. Viles, vice president of the First National Bank and president of the Chippewa River Land Company. His position is due not alone to the success he has achieved but also to the straightforward business policy which he has ever followed, his course being one which will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. Almost thirty years have come and gone since he arrived in Chippewa county, being then a young man of about twenty-one years. He was born at Dead River, Maine, December 16, 1863, and is a son of Joseph and Lucile R. (Hewett) Viles. His father was one of the early lumbermen of this part of the state and was prominent in developing an industry which constituted the chief source of revenue for this district for a long period. He died in 1909 at the venerable age of eighty-six years, respected and honored by all who knew him. He is still survived by his wife, who makes her home in Chippewa Falls. The family is of English origin but has been represented in this country for centuries, and Mr. Viles was truly American in thought and spirit, being at all times a loyal citizen, devoted to the best interests of city, state and nation.

In the public schools of Eau Claire, Bradford D. Viles pursued his education, passing through consecutive grades, until he left the high school at the age of seventeen years. It was then that he made his initial step in the business world, securing the position of bookkeeper with the firm of Rogers & Stanley, proprietors of a general store at Chippewa Falls, where he remained for a year.

At the end of that time he took charge of the office of the Viles & Bruce Lumber & Logging Company, remaining there for five years. He was ambitious, however, to engage in business on his own account, carefully saving his earnings, and when his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital he established a timber and logging business, in which he has since been engaged, owning considerable tracts of timber land. He is president of the Chippewa River Land Company and he further extended his efforts by entering into active connection with the banking business, as vice president of the First National Bank of Chippewa Falls. His plans are always carefully formulated and promptly executed and his keen insight has enabled him to readily comprehend the possibilities of a business situation and work toward its accomplishment.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 16th of December, 1887, Mr. Viles was united in marriage to Miss Jessie I. Kehl, a daughter of John B. and Susie F. (Wright) Kehl. Her father was the founder of the Glen Mills and for many years ranked with the prominent business men of this district, so that his death was deeply regretted when in 1909 he passed away, his remains being interred in Forest Hill cemetery. He was prominent in various connections aside from business, was honored with a number of political offices and at one time served as a member of the state legislature. He left the impress of his individuality for good upon the political development of this district. He is survived by his wife, who resides in Chippewa Falls. Four children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Viles: Maurita, the wife of George M. Smith, of Mondovi, Wisconsin; Josephine, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin; Clair, a graduate of the Chippewa Falls high school; and Ralph, who is a student in St. John's Military Academy. The family occupy a pleasant and commodious home at No. 506 West Willow street, which was erected by Mr. Viles, and in the social circles of the city they occupy an enviable position.

Mr. Viles votes with the republican party and is conversant with the leading questions of the day, being able to support his position by intelligent argument. He does not seek nor desire office, however, but concentrates his energies upon his business affairs, and their capable direction has made him one of the substantial citizens of Chippewa Falls, while his business record is a valuable asset in the commercial activity of the city.

NELS O. NELSON.

A fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres eight miles southwest of Bloomer in Auburn township is the property of Nels O. Nelson and in its cultivation he has surrounded himself with a comfortable degree of prosperity. He is a native of Norway, born in 1856, a son of Ole Nelson, who emigrated to the United States a few years after his marriage, settling in Dodge county in the summer of 1859. He moved to Chippewa county at the end of two years and here purchased the farm upon which his son now resides, continuing to operate this property until his death which occurred when he was over sixty years of age. He married Miss Mary Halverson and they became the parents of eleven children.

Mr. Nelson was still a child when he came with his parents to America and he acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county. After laying aside his books he turned his attention to farming, but soon afterwards began working in the lumber woods, continuing thus for twenty-three years. At the end of that time he moved upon his father's farm in Auburn township and upon this property he has since resided. All the buildings were upon it when it came into his possession but he has made other substantial improvements, following always the most progressive and practical methods in the operation of the farm.

Mr. Nelson married Miss Ella Olson and they became the parents of eleven children: Olga, Oscar, Mary, Norman, Robert, Helen, Odin, Lawrence, Ila, Norma and Evelyn. Mr. Nelson is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and is a republican in his political beliefs. He is interested in the growth and development of the section in which he has resided since his childhood and enjoys the high regard of all who know him.

W. W. HILLMAN.

One cannot carry investigation far into the pioneer history of Chippewa county without learning of the part which W. W. Hillman took in promoting agricultural development in those early times. For over forty years he has made his home on his farm in Bloomer township and during the greater portion of this time has been an active agriculturist, although he is now living in practical retirement. He has seen the section develop from an unsettled wilderness into a prosperous farming community and his work has been an important force in promoting the change. Throughout the years he has met with well deserved and steadily increasing success and has gained the confidence and respect of his neighbors, being honored also as a veteran of the Civil war. He was born in Albany, New York, in 1839, and is a son of John Hillman, a native of Scotland, who came to the United States as a young man and settled in New York state, where he spent the greater portion of his life. During his latter years he moved to a farm in the southern part of Wisconsin and engaged in agricultural pursuits there for some time. However, he afterward returned to New York city, where his death occurred. He married Miss Jane A. Van Wormer, and they became the parents of nine children, four of whom are still living.

W. W. Hillman acquired his education in the public schools of New York state and after laying aside his books followed farming there for a short time. He came first to Chippewa county when he was nineteen years of age and he helped to build the first schoolhouse in Cook Valley, becoming its first teacher afterward. From this state he enlisted in 1863 in Company K, Second Wisconsin Cavalry, and he served in the Union army for one year and a half, at the end of which time, his health failing, he received his honorable discharge. Upon his return from the war he settled again in Chippewa county and preempted the first land in Cook Valley, locating one hundred and sixty acres, upon one half of which he has since resided. Pioneer times prevailed there at the time of his arrival and all the hardships and trials of pioneer existence were to be met. The region was a wilderness and sparsely settled, there being at that

time no houses between Mr. Hillman's farm and Bloomer. With characteristic energy and resolution he set himself to develop his property, clearing the timber and erecting the necessary farm buildings. The years brought him substantial success as a result of his well directed and persistent labors and his farm became very valuable, reflecting everywhere the careful labor which he bestowed upon it. Eventually he rented a portion of his homestead, although he still makes his home upon eighty acres of the property, and retired from active life, having well earned a period of rest and leisure.

Mr. Hillman has been twice married. He wedded first Miss Florence A. King, and they became the parents of six children, John W., Jennie C., Agnes A., Nellie M., Arthur C. and Florence H. After the death of his first wife Mr. Hillman married Miss Helen Radermacker, and they have become the parents of a son, William H.

Mr. Hillman gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has been honored by his fellow citizens by election to positions of public trust and responsibility. He was the first clerk of Auburn township and for the past thirty years has been justice of the peace, discharging his duties in a capable and conscientious way. During the many years of his residence in this county he has taken an active and prominent part in the work of its upbuilding, cooperating heartily in all measures and movements for the advancement of community interests. His upright and honorable qualities of character are widely recognized and have commanded for him the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends.

ASA E. FLETCHER, M. D.

Dr. Asa E. Fletcher is recognized as a man of character, ready to meet an emergency, capable, strong and successful. The determination which enabled him to secure an education has been one of the chief factors in his success throughout life and has placed him in a prominent professional position for one of his years. Dr. Fletcher was born in Delta, Ohio, January 10, 1882, a son of Charles A. and Della M. Fletcher. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof he attended the Delta high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1896. He afterward attended the Spring Arbor Seminary at Spring Arbor, Michigan, and completed his academic course in 1900. It was his ambition to enter upon a professional career and the practice of medicine seemed most attractive to him. Family tradition says that the first word he pronounced was "Doc." At any rate, in later years he determined to annex that prefix to his name. He had no means to meet the expense of a college education, but one day he met a medical student on a vacation who told him of the chances to make his way through college in Indianapolis by selling papers. Within a week he had made preparations for going to that city, and when he arrived there the medical school had been in session for three weeks. He at once set about to find a newspaper route. Within a few days he had fifty-seven customers; a little later the number had increased to four hundred, and then he began to get up at 4 o'clock in the morning and walk ten miles before breakfast.



ASA E. FLETCHER

For four years that was his daily custom. He estimated that he walked fifteen thousand miles and sold a half million copies of papers in order to get his medical education. In 1907 he entered the Indiana Eclectic College of Medicine, of Indianapolis, and was graduated from the Physio-Medical College of Indiana in 1909 and from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1911. He studied under physicians and engaged in nursing for five years before beginning the college work proper, and thus his preparation for professional duties was most thorough and comprehensive. He was appointed a member of the Indiana state board of health and in the hygiene laboratory administered the Pasteur treatment in 1911 and 1912. He is now practicing in Cadott and is meeting with excellent success as viewed from both the financial and professional standpoints. He is constantly reading and studying along professional lines and his success has brought him to a point where all recognize his ability.

On the 30th of July, 1913, at Cadott, Dr. Fletcher was married to Miss Flossie M. Kreig, a daughter of George M. and Carrie S. Kreig, of Indianapolis. They first met at a party where he was giving chiromantic readings and in her hands he saw the ideal he had been looking for. Courtship began soon after that memorable occasion and four years later they were married. Mrs. Fletcher is a professional trained nurse and is ably assisting the Doctor in his practice. Dr. Fletcher is a member of the Sidenham Society of Indiana and fraternally he is connected with the Masons. He served as senior deacon in his lodge in 1912 and he is always loyal to the teachings of the craft. He served for four years in the United States navy, advancing to the position of chief petty officer. The incidents and events of his life have been many and varied for one of his years and his experiences have been of a broadening character. He is a young man of notable force and ability and all who know him predict for him a most successful future.

JOHN ANGLUM.

John Anglum is engaged in the business of buying and selling live stock in Chippewa Falls, with office at No. 407 West Central street. He has occupied this location since 1908, and in the conduct of his interests is meeting with substantial success because of his well managed affairs. He was born in this city, February 22, 1867, and is a son of William and Jane (Hogan) Anglum. The father came to this county in 1858 from County Tipperary, Ireland, and for twenty years acceptably filled the office of chief of police. He was a blacksmith by trade but much of his life was devoted to public service. Six brothers came with him to the new world and all were killed during the Civil war. William Anglum survived until 1901, passing away at the age of seventy-eight years and his wife died in 1904. Both are buried in Hope cemetery in Chippewa Falls. The father was a popular citizen, many substantial qualities winning for him the warm regard in which he was everywhere held. Unto him and his wife were born five children: William, a merchant of Eau Claire; John, of this review; Michael, who died at Superior, Wisconsin, in 1898, at the age of twenty-one years, and is buried in the family lot where rest the remains of his parents;

Mary, a nurse in the Baptist Hospital in Chicago; and Katie, who died at the age of thirteen years.

John Anglum acquired his education in Chippewa Falls, passing through consecutive grades until he left the high school at the age of eighteen years, wishing to enter business circles. Subsequently, however, he pursued a course in the Chippewa Business College. He started out in the business world at scaling logs in the woods and continued in that work for a decade. Later he turned his attention to the purchase and sale of live stock and in connection therewith has dealt in real estate. He is an excellent judge of stock and seldom makes a mistake in his investments. He is also thoroughly informed concerning realty values and has negotiated a number of important realty transfers.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 15th of July, 1903, Mr. Anglum was married to Miss Eva Bell, a daughter of John and Lillian (Sealy) Bell, the parents being among the oldest settlers of the county. The father is now engaged in farming at Eagle Point. Mr. and Mrs. Anglum have a family of five children: Essie and Isabelle, who are attending school; John; Helen; and Alice. Mr. Anglum became the owner of a large and beautiful home at No. 407 West Central street, which he and his family now occupy. It is celebrated for its warm hearted hospitality and good cheer and is the scene of many attractive social functions.

Mr. Anglum is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and adheres to the Roman Catholic church. His political support is given the democratic party and he has served as alderman for five terms and as chief of the fire department. This does not cover his entire public service, however, for he is at all times ready and willing to aid in movements for the general good and has given hearty and helpful support to various public projects.

WILLIAM DURCH.

Since 1862 William Durch has owned and operated a farm of two hundred and twenty acres in the town of Bloomer, township 31, range 9, west, and by intelligent management and well directed labor has surrounded himself with an enviable degree of prosperity, his farm today being one of the most valuable properties in his locality. He was born in Germany in 1844 and is a son of Antony Durch, a native of that country, who came to the United States in 1845 and settled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After remaining there for a short time he moved to a farm in Washington county and in 1863 took up his residence in Chippewa county, arriving here in the year in which the wheat froze in July. He followed farming in Bloomer township for the remainder of his active life, dying in Chippewa Falls at the age of sixty-seven. He married Miss Magdalena Bieagal and they became the parents of eight children.

William Durch acquired his education in the public schools of Washington county and after laying aside his books followed farming there for a short time. In the fall of 1862 he came to Chippewa county, locating on a farm in Bloomer township which is yet his place of residence. He owns two hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in the town of Bloomer which he has improved substantially in the course of years, erecting a comfortable residence and good barns and out-

buildings. He engages in general farming and dairying and since 1888 has also operated a water power saw and grist mill. All of his interests are carefully and capably conducted and have brought him a gratifying measure of success.

Mr. Durch married Miss Annie C. Rottgen and they became the parents of eleven children, seven of whom, four sons and three daughters, still survive. Mr. Durch is a member of the Catholic church and belongs to the Catholic Knights. He is independent in his political views and active in public affairs, having served for four terms as township assessor. The side board also appointed him as its chairman to serve out the unexpired term of a man who resigned when the equalizing was done in the town. He is a man of many sterling traits of character, able in business, progressive in citizenship and at all times trustworthy and reliable.

EDWARD H. COLEMAN.

The county of Chippewa and its people must be congratulated upon having such efficient public servants as Edward H. Coleman, who now fills the position of justice of the peace, an office which he has conducted for twenty years, and who has also since 1909 been public administrator. He came to Chippewa Falls on September 12, 1857, when not yet sixteen years of age, being a native of the east, where he was born in Rochester, New York, on December 26, 1841, a son of Henry and Persis (Marshall) Coleman. The father was prominent in his section of the Empire state, where he was owner of a large lumber company. After coming to this county he acted as the first municipal judge and held that position until his death in 1883. He is buried in Chippewa Falls, his wife surviving him about eleven years, passing away in 1894, and being also buried there.

Edward H. Coleman received his education principally in Rochester, New York, but completed the same in Chippewa Falls, laying aside his schoolbooks at the age of seventeen. He then served an apprenticeship as clerk in a general store for about three years and the following three years he spent in the army. At the end of that period he became assistant postmaster, holding that office for two years. For a period of eighteen years he then engaged in lumber cruising, at the end of which time he was elected city clerk, faithfully and efficiently discharging his duties for two years and being elected, on the expiration of his term, clerk of the county court. In the latter capacity he served to the satisfaction of the public and to his own credit for four years and then became city auditor, remaining in that office for two years. Since 1893 he has acted as justice of the peace and has ever given such impartial and justified decisions that he has gained a high reputation among his fellow citizens for legal ability, clearness of judgment and fairness of character. On July 1, 1909, Judge Coleman was also appointed public administrator, doing justice to his added duties in an effective and circumspect way.

At Chippewa Falls, on June 20, 1880, Judge Coleman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bowe, a daughter of Jeremiah and Ann (McGuire) Bowe, both of whom are deceased and buried in Fox Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman have had four children: Henry J., a well known lawyer of Billings, Montana; Alice,

at home; Mary P., who died in 1905, and is buried in Chippewa Falls; and Martha E., who died in 1891 and is also buried there.

Judge Coleman is very deeply interested in the progress and welfare of his community and his county and is always ready to give of his means and ability in the support of worthy public objects. In his political views he is a republican, in the principles of which party he sincerely believes and whose candidates and measures he ever upholds. His faith is that of the Presbyterian church. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being one of that surviving band of patriots who willingly gave their services to the country in order to preserve the unity of the nation. He is also prominent and esteemed in the Knights of Pythias. There is much that is commendable in the career of Edward H. Coleman, for he has given an example in various public positions which might well be emulated by others in official life. He has ever placed the public's interests above his own and to the best of his ability has discharged his duties, becoming thereby a factor in the general development and advancement which has made this one of the most prosperous counties of the state.

ROBERT E. MCKAY.

Among the prosperous farmers of Sigel township, Chippewa county, is Robert E. McKay, who owns a profitable farm of eighty acres on section 8. He is a native of Michigan, having been born in Saginaw, May 18, 1848, a son of Archibald and Margaret (McNanna) McKay, natives of Scotland. The father was born in that country, in Glasgow, in 1813, and the mother in 1817. Archibald McKay was a farmer by occupation and about 1833, when twenty years of age, came to Michigan, removing to Canada about two years later. He remained in Canada until his death, which occurred in 1883, his wife surviving him for about four years, passing away in 1887. To them were born eleven children: Margaret; Archibald, deceased; William; Robert E., our subject; Charles, deceased; Charlotte; Joseph; Elizabeth, deceased; and three who died in infancy.

Robert E. McKay attended school in Guelph, Ontario, until fourteen years of age, when he laid aside his books in order to assist with the work on the home farm. He so continued for about four years and then went into the woods, finding employment in lumber camps and drives for about eight years. During the following two years he engaged in contracting and then bought one hundred and sixty acres of timber land, cutting the trees and selling the lumber and later the land. This enterprise occupied three years. Mr. McKay then bought eighty acres on section 31, township 28, range 6 west, which he still owns. In 1881 he bought the eighty acres on section 8, township 29, range 6 west, which he now farms. He has been very successful in the cultivation of this land and gives considerable attention to stock-raising, specializing in dairy products. He keeps about eighteen head of cattle and ten horses. His buildings are substantial and up-to-date and his farm in every way reflects credit upon its owner. The success which Mr. McKay has attained is largely due to incessant work and thorough, modern methods. His stock is taken care of in the best possible way and adds largely to the income Mr. McKay derives from his farm.

Mr. McKay married Miss Margaret St. Martin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter St. Martin, the former a well known river man of Chippewa Falls. Mrs. McKay, a native of that city, was born October 15, 1856, and bore her husband eight children: Annie E., who married George Barrington, a lumberman at Chippewa Falls, by whom she had three children, one of whom, Lillian, is living; Mary L., Margaret R. and William J., deceased; Eva C.; George A.; Mildred L., deceased; and Francis R. Miss Eva McKay for the past five years has followed school teaching.

Mr. McKay is one of the most highly respected citizens of Sigel township and has ever interested himself in worthy public enterprises. Politically he is independent, preferring to follow his own judgment instead of blindly following party dictates. He is the oldest member, now living, of the county board of Chippewa county, and it was he who was largely instrumental in building good roads in Sigel township. For ten years Mr. McKay was chairman of the board of trustees of Sigel township, and he was also chairman of the board of Anson township for one term and supervisor for Anson township for one term. For six years he was clerk of school district No. 9. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but on account of the distance which he had to travel to attend the lodge meetings he demitted in good standing. He is a member of the Catholic church and Mrs. McKay belongs to the Ladies Society in connection with that organization. Mr. McKay is a kind-hearted man, who gives evidence of his charitable inclinations by taking care of four children besides his own family, keeping them as they had no other place to go and being as kind to them as a father would be. Such success as has come to Mr. McKay is well merited, as it is the result of incessant industry and close application, and the esteem and respect with which he is regarded comes to him in recognition of his high qualities of mind and character.

ALBERT C. CONRAD.

Albert C. Conrad, who engages in general farming, dairying and sheep raising upon a fine property in Bloomer township of one hundred and twenty acres, upon which he also operates a sawmill, was born in Germany in 1868. He is a son of Albert Conrad, who came to the United States about the year 1871 locating first in Michigan. He later moved to Wisconsin, settling in Chippewa county, where he followed the milling business. He also took up a homestead claim, the land comprising the property now operated by his son, but he never engaged in farming, dying in Bloomer, at the age of seventy-four. He married Miss Julia Lehman, a daughter of John Lehman, and they became the parents of five children, all of whom survive.

Albert C. Conrad acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books began farming upon the homestead, the present excellent condition of which is entirely due to his careful management and practical methods. He has erected a number of buildings upon the place and engages in general farming, dairying and sheep raising, having made all of these activities profitable sources of income to him. In 1908 he erected a sawmill upon his place and he also operates a threshing outfit.

Mr. Conrad married Miss Paulina Bausmer, and they have become the parents of twelve children, John, Ida, Paul, Leonard, Harry, Clara, George, Lillie, Rosie, Jesse, Albert and Lesley. Mr. Conrad is a republican in his political beliefs and has been school clerk for twelve years and served for three years as school treasurer. He is an industrious and progressive business man and through his honesty and integrity has become very successful in the management of his farm and the direction of his business interests, standing today among the men of marked ability and substantial worth in his community.

JOHN SCHWAB.

Bloomer township numbers among her progressive and active native sons John Schwab, who owns and operates a fine farm of three hundred and seventy-four acres five miles northeast of Bloomer. Upon this property he was born March 3, 1863, a son of John Schwab, a native of Germany, who came to the United States when he was thirty years of age and settled in Wisconsin, locating for the first few years in the southern part of the state. He afterward moved to Chippewa county and followed farming in this section until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-three years of age. He married in this county and had five children, three of whom are still living.

John Schwab acquired his education in district school No. 3 and after laying aside his books began working upon the homestead, which is now his property. It comprises three hundred and seventy-four acres of excellent land and the improvements now upon the place have all been made by Mr. Schwab, who understands farming in principle and detail and in his agricultural pursuits has met with that success which always follows earnest and persistent labor. He engages in general farming and conducts also a large dairy, which is an important source of income to him.

Mr. Schwab married Miss Mary Bishel, and they have five children, Philip, Mary, Jacob, Lena and Julia. Mr. Schwab is a member of the populist party and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church. His life has been one of well directed activity, resulting in the attainment of a gratifying measure of success, and wherever he is known he is respected and esteemed by reason of his genuine worth.

GILBERT EYK.

Gilbert Eyk is a representative of one of the best known pioneer families in Chippewa county and has won individual prominence as the owner of Brookside Farm, Auburn township, a fine property which owes its attractiveness and value entirely to his well directed efforts and practical methods. He was born on the old Eyk homestead, two miles west of his present farm in 1867, a son of Ole P. Eyk, a native of Norway. The father came to America in 1866 and was the first settler in that part of Chippewa county. In Norway he had followed the

saw milling and mercantile business, but after taking up his residence here turned his attention to farming, homesteading one hundred and sixty acres of land upon which he continued to reside until his death. He married Miss Anna Paulson, who survives him, and they became the parents of five daughters and five sons of whom two have passed away.

Gilbert Eyk acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county, and after laying aside his books moved to Superior, this state, where he remained three years. At the end of that time he went to the Pacific coast and settled in Oregon where he homesteaded land and where he worked at farming, lumbering and prospecting for fifteen years thereafter. When he left Oregon he returned to Chippewa county and purchased from his sister the farm upon which he still resides. This comprises eighty acres of fine land lying four miles southwest of New Auburn and in its cultivation Mr. Eyk has always followed the most practical methods so that Brookside Farm has become a valuable and productive property. The owner has made extensive improvements upon it, erecting a modern barn and silo and keeps everything about the place in excellent condition. General farming and dairying engage his attention and both branches of his activities have brought him well deserved success.

Mr. Eyk gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is interested in public affairs although not active as an office seeker. He is superintendent of the local Sunday school, which is under the control of the Presbyterian church. A man of exemplary character he has become widely and favorably known in his locality and his record is a credit to a name that has long been an honored one in this county.

EVERARD L. AINSWORTH.

Everard L. Ainsworth, a native of Vermont, came to Chippewa county in 1888 from Alma, Wisconsin, this state, and has now resided in Chippewa Falls for over twenty-five years, occupying an important position as secretary of the American Immigration Company, with offices on the corner of Bay and West River streets, this city. He was born in Roxbury, in the Green Mountain state, in May, 1854, and is a son of Luther and Betsy (Silsby) Ainsworth, both of whom have passed away. The father was one of those who took up arms in defense of the Union and fell on the battlefield of Chancellorsville in 1863, finding his last resting place at Fredericksburg, Virginia. He was a captain of Company H of the Sixth Vermont Regiment. The mother had preceded him in death, her demise occurring in 1858, when our subject was but four years of age. She is buried in Roxbury, Vermont.

Everard L. Ainsworth received his education in Roxbury, remaining there until fifteen years of age, when he entered the Randolph State Normal School at Randolph Center, Vermont, preparing himself for the teaching profession, and leaving this institution at the age of eighteen, he was actively engaged as school teacher and so continued for six years. At the end of that time he became connected with the Mississippi Logging Company, of which he is now assistant secretary. In later years he has become connected with the American Immigra-

tion Company, of which he serves as secretary, doing highly effective work in this position. He also is president of the Hannah Rutledge Home for the Aged and president of the Edward Rutledge Charity Corporation, which is a one million dollar institution, this large sum of money for its founding being left by Edward Rutledge. Mr. Ainsworth has done highly practical and largely beneficial work in this connection, for which he is well fitted on account of his talents for organization and because of that humane spirit which always moves him to come to the rescue of those who need help or assistance.

In Buffalo county, Wisconsin, in September, 1879, Mr. Ainsworth was united in marriage to Miss Ella Fuller, a daughter of Stephen G. and Sarah (Woodard) Fuller, the latter of whom died in 1900, while the former now makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ainsworth. They have four children: Bessie A., a high school teacher at Chippewa Falls; May, who married E. R. Frissell, a prominent real-estate dealer and attorney-at-law of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Charles L., a lumber grader connected with the Potlatch Lumber Company of Potlatch, Idaho, and a graduate of the law department of the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis; and Edward A., a senior in the Chippewa Falls high school. Mr. and Mrs. Ainsworth live at No. 818 West Columbia street, Chippewa Falls, in a handsome residence which the former has recently rebuilt, equipping the house with all modern conveniences. There both Mr. and Mrs. Ainsworth often entertain their many friends, who delight to gather at their hospitable fireside.

In his political views Mr. Ainsworth is a republican, and although he has never cared for public office, he takes a deep interest in the public welfare, as is directly evident from his connection with the Rutledge institutions. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to the local blue lodge, and ever exemplifies in his life the tenets of brotherly love which are the basic principles of that great organization. Mr. Ainsworth typifies in his life the highest degree of American citizenship, doing in a quiet way much which works out to the benefit of his city and county.

J. B. PIOTROWSKI.

A spirit of enterprise and progress has actuated J. B. Piotrowski in all the activities of his career and has brought him today to a place among the able and successful men of Chippewa Falls, where as secretary and treasurer of the Chippewa Shoe Manufacturing Company he occupies a prominent position in business circles. He is of Polish extraction and was born in West Prussia, Germany, July 9, 1877, a son of Marion and Rose (Scheffler) Piotrowski. The father is now a shoemaker in the concern of which his son is secretary and treasurer.

J. B. Piotrowski acquired his education in the public schools of Berlin, Wisconsin, and laid aside his books at the age of fifteen years. His first employment was with the Putnam Shoe Company in Berlin and he retained this position until 1895, when he came to Chippewa Falls, where he has since resided. For some time thereafter he acted as manager of the Weyenberg Shoe Manufacturing Company but in 1901 he joined John M. Andrejeski in the foundation



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of a concern of a similar kind. They carried on the business as a copartnership until 1911, when the enterprise was incorporated under the name of the Chippewa Shoe Manufacturing Company, Mr. Piotrowski being elected secretary and treasurer. Through their united efforts the partners have made many substantial contributions to the progress of Chippewa Falls and have here built up an industrial concern which has become one of the largest and most important of its kind in the city. Mr. Piotrowski's energy, resourcefulness and business ability have been important factors in the attainment of this result and he himself is considered a valuable addition to the ranks of the city's progressive and able business men.

Mr. Piotrowski resides with his parents at No. 3 North Rural street. He is connected fraternally with the Catholic Order of Foresters, the United Commercial Travelers and the Knights of Columbus. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and is at present serving as alderman and supervisor, his influence being always on the side of right, reform and progress. His has been an excellent official record and in business circles he has made for himself an enviable position, being classed among Chippewa Falls' most popular and representative citizens.

HENRY A. CASPER.

Among the well known and successful business men of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, is Henry A. Casper, secretary and treasurer of the J. Leinenkugel Brewing Company and president of the Consolidated Elevator, Mill & Power Company. In connection with the former position he has practically entire charge of the management of the Leinenkugel brewery. Mr. Casper was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 15, 1861, of German parents. The father, Alois A. Casper, is a native of Alsace-Lorraine, which at the time of his birth belonged to France but is now a part of Germany. The mother in her maidenhood was Barbara Woelfel, a native of Bavaria. About sixty years ago the father emigrated to America, the mother following two years later, coming to Milwaukee, where they were married. For many years Alois Casper was well known in that city as a merchant tailor but he retired from business about ten years ago. Both he and his wife are still living. They have a family of six children.

Henry A. Casper, in the acquirement of his education, attended St. Mary's parochial school in Milwaukee and St. Gall's school, studying at a business college in the evenings. When old enough he entered his father's tailoring and men's furnishing store as a clerk, remaining with him for about fifteen years. He then came to Chippewa, accepting the position of vice president with the Leinenkugel Brewing Company. In 1909 he was elected secretary and treasurer and has since practically had charge of the management of these brewing interests. Mr. Casper is thoroughly acquainted with all the details of the business and has done much toward its upbuilding. Not only is he a shrewd, able and farsighted business man but he is congenial and of agreeable disposition, easily making friends, and his affability has often stood him in good stead in business transactions. He also holds the position of president of the Consolidated Elevator,

Mill & Power Company, carefully supervising the important interests of this large concern.

On April 18, 1894, in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, at the St. Charles Catholic church, Mr. Casper was united in marriage to Miss Rose, daughter of Jacob and Josephine Leinenkugel, of whom more extended mention is made on other pages of this history. Mr. and Mrs. Casper have two children, Irene and William. The parents are faithful attendants at St. Charles Catholic church and fraternally Mr. Casper is affiliated with the Catholic Knights of America. He is independent as regards political matters, voting for men and measures according to his own judgment instead of following party dictates. While he has attained individual success and has become recognized as one of the foremost business men of Chippewa Falls, he has contributed his part toward general advancement and can ever be found ready to give of his time and money for movements which are undertaken for the benefit of the general public.

RUFUS JOHNSON.

Rufus Johnson, who passed away on the 16th of October, 1906, was one of the early settlers of Chippewa county and for a number of years successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits here, owning a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, township 30, range 6. His birth occurred in Cortland county, New York, on the 8th of June, 1842, his father being J. B. Johnson. He spent his boyhood and early manhood in the Empire State and was there married to Miss Helen Brown, who was born in Chenango county, New York, on the 30th of January, 1842.

In 1872, when a young man of thirty years, he determined to establish his home in the Badger state and traveled from Binghamton, New York, to Eau Claire by rail, thence coming to Chippewa Falls by stage, where he hired Jim Woodruff to take him to Arthur township with a span of mules. He located on a timber tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, township 30, range 6, not a tree having been cut except perhaps a few pines that had been taken away surreptitiously. No road led to the place, but on the Monday morning following his arrival here Mr. Johnson began to cut down trees preparatory to making the highway which now adjoins the home. He also built a log cabin which is still standing and is now used for a hen house. Subsequently he erected the frame residence which has remained the family home to the present time. Throughout his active business career he devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits, winning success and gaining recognition as one of the substantial and respected citizens of his community. The period of his residence in this county covered more than a third of a century, and he was a pioneer whose labors contributed in no uncertain measure to the work of agricultural development and progress here. His widow still resides on the old family homestead, which is now the property of her son Erwin.

To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born four children, as follows: Luona, who is the wife of Charles Smith and resides in Idaho; Ralph, who is successfully engaged in farming in Arthur township; Erwin, who is the owner of the old

home farm and who wedded Miss Vesta Eastman, a daughter of Daniel Eastman, of Chippewa county; and Mary, who gave her hand in marriage to H. W. Gardner, of Arthur township. The sons are well known and enterprising agriculturists of the locality and have an extensive circle of friends there.

EZRA F. SHIPMAN.

Ezra F. Shipman, who for many years has been associated in an influential way with farming and dairy interests of Bloomer township, owns and operates eighty acres three miles east of Bloomer. He was born upon this property in 1859 and is a son of Charles Shipman, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Wisconsin as a young man, locating in Sauk county. He afterward moved to Missouri but in 1857 returned to this state, settling in Chippewa county, where he followed farming until his death, passing away at the age of seventy-nine. He married Miss Amanda George and they became the parents of three children: L. D., who has passed away; Mrs. Mary Tallman; and Ezra F., of this review.

Ezra F. Shipman acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books began farming on the home place, which he has since operated. He assisted in erecting the buildings upon the property and has made other substantial improvements, his farm being today productive and valuable.

Mr. Shipman married Miss Nora Ward, a daughter of Jerry Ward, of Chippewa county, and they have become the parents of two children: Charles, who married Miss May Webb, by whom he has a daughter, Inez; and Irene, who married Percy Gorton, by whom she has two sons, Elmer and Edgar. Fraternally Mr. Shipman is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he is a republican in his political beliefs, having served as town clerk and a member of the town board. He is held in high regard throughout Chippewa county and has an extensive and representative circle of friends.

CHARLES F. ALTHANS.

Charles F. Althans is living retired after fourteen years of close connection with business interests of Bloomer as part owner of the Bloomer Brewery. He was born in Iowa in 1859 and is a son of C. F. Althans, a native of Germany, who came to the United States in 1851, locating first in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There he engaged as a painter for some time, moving thence to Quincy, Illinois, and later to Keokuk, Iowa, where he published a republican newspaper during the Civil war. In 1869 he moved to Alma, Wisconsin, and he died in Eau Claire, this state, in 1891, when he was sixty-six years of age. He married in Philadelphia Miss H. Pfeiffer and they became the parents of three children: Charles F., of this review; Charles W., a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota; and Mrs. G. Walker, of Nelson, Wisconsin.

After acquiring a public-school education Charles F. Althans worked in the sawmills until 1873 when he learned the tinner's trade which he followed in various parts of the middle west until 1898. In the latter year he moved to Bloomer and formed a partnership with Valentine Schon in the operation of the Bloomer Brewery. For fourteen years thereafter he continued his connection with this concern and his business ability, energy and sound judgment proved helpful factors in its success. In November, 1912, he disposed of his interests in it and has since lived in retirement, enjoying a period of rest and leisure as a reward of his well directed labor in the past.

Mr. Althans was married to Miss Amelia Rieck in 1882 and in 1883 a daughter was born to them who is now married and living at Detroit, Michigan. His first wife died in 1905 and in 1906 Mr. Althans was married to Miss Lena Bischel of Bloomer. Mr. Althans is independent in his political beliefs and has served as president of the village board for two terms. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has been identified with this organization for a quarter of a century. He is comfortably situated in life, enjoying a well earned rest which has been secured through his intelligently directed activity in former years.

JOHN PHILLIPS.

Among the best known and most representative citizens of Stanley, is numbered John Phillips, who for many years has conducted a photographic studio in the city. During the period of his residence he has also taken an active part in public affairs, holding various positions of trust and responsibility, and he has moreover, a creditable and honorable military record. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on the 25th of December, 1844, and is a son of James and Frances (Price) Phillips, the former born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1812 and the latter in Priceville, Maryland, in 1818. The father, a carpenter and contractor by occupation, moved to Iowa in pioneer times and was killed there in 1854. His wife survived him many years, dying in 1885. To their union were born three children: John, James and Eli.

John Phillips was educated in the public schools, laying aside his books at the age of fifteen. He afterward studied photography and at a very early date established a gallery in Stanley of which he has since been proprietor. For a time he left this in charge of his wife and eldest son, he himself engaging in railroad-ing as a brakeman, conductor and engineer on a number of western roads. He was employed on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy when the company owned only seventy-five miles of road between Burlington and Ottumwa and he assisted in the making of a great deal of railroad history. He retired from this work in 1894 and for four years thereafter was upon the road as a salesman. Since 1900 however he has maintained a continuous residence in Stanley, devoting all of his time to the conduct of his photographic studio. He controls an extensive and representative patronage, for his work is of the highest quality and his business methods always honorable and straightforward.

In Fort Madison, Iowa, on the 7th of April, 1870, Mr. Phillips married Miss Ellen Brown, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Lind) Brown, the former a commission merchant of Burlington, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips became the parents of four children. Wellington J. is a photographer at Red Wing, Minnesota. He married Miss Mary L. Brooke and they have six children. Frantz H. is a photographer in Stanley. He married Miss Clara Dolmer who died in 1909, leaving two children: Francis H. and John D. Clarence C. is a sales manager in St. Paul, Minnesota. He married Miss Estella Moore and they have two children: Linden and Harry. Frances H., youngest child born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, is the wife of Allen U. Johnson, the manager of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club at Miami, Florida.

Mr. Phillips was a member of Company H, Second Berdans, a regiment of sharp shooters, and served for eight months. Upon the organization of the first Minnesota National Guard he joined Company G and served seven years and seven months. He was afterward captain of Company L, Fourth Minnesota Volunteers, and went to the front during the Spanish-American war, his entire term of service covering four years. He is connected fraternally with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he is very prominent in the affairs of the N. W. P. A., a photographers' association, of which he has served as president, vice-president and secretary, holding each office for many years. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has held important offices, serving for one term as alderman of a city in Wabasha county, Minnesota, and for five years as chief of the fire department. He was city clerk of Stanley for one term and judge of the police court for six years and since 1911 he has done excellent work as justice of the peace and notary public. His interests have extended to many fields touching closely the business and political life of Stanley, and during the long period of his residence here he has made the name of "Captain" Phillips, by which he is generally known, a synonym for upright living and straightforward dealing.

FRANK J. THOMPSON.

Frank J. Thompson, who operates the Simon Christianson farm of two hundred acres in Auburn township is a native of Wisconsin, born in Eau Claire in 1884. He is a son of Walter Thompson, a native of England who came to the United States when he was twenty-four years of age and located in Eau Claire where he engaged in the milling business for many years. He now follows the same occupation in Washington state.

Frank J. Thompson acquired his education in the public schools of Eau Claire and in the district schools of the county. He was reared upon his father's farm becoming early familiar with the details of its operation and when he laid aside his books he assumed entire charge of the homestead which he continued to develop until 1909. In that year he married and moved upon the farm which he now operates. He expects, however, to return to the home place on Sand Creek in a short time.

Mr. Thompson married Miss Caroline Christianson, a daughter of Simon Christianson, a native of Norway. The father learned the carpenter's trade in that country and has followed it continuously since coming to America with the exception of two years during which he engaged in farming and lumbering. He has three children: Caroline, wife of the subject of this review; Gena, who is engaged in teaching; and George, a carpenter.

Politically Mr. Thompson is identified with the republican party and he served for some time as town constable. He is a devout adherent of the Presbyterian church. Although still a young man he is already ranked among the substantial farmers of his locality and holds the esteem and confidence of all who are associated with him.

JOHN A. BROOKS.

John A. Brooks, prominently connected with industrial interests of Chippewa Falls as manager of the Chippewa Sugar Company, was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, December 11, 1878. He is a son of Joseph Brooks, a pioneer farmer of Dodge county.

Mr. Brooks acquired his education at Sacred Heart College, Watertown, Wisconsin, from which he was graduated in 1896. He afterward taught school for two years and in 1901 became connected with the Wisconsin Sugar Company as stenographer. His ability won him rapid advancement and he rose through department after department, gaining recognition as a reliable, trustworthy and thoroughly competent man. He learned the sugar business in principle and detail and in 1909 was made manager of the Chippewa Sugar Company at Chippewa Falls. In addition he is president of the Citizens Home Land Company of that city.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 24th of September, 1906, Mr. Brooks was united in marriage to Miss Jennie E. Goddard, daughter of postmaster Harry J. Goddard. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brooks a daughter, Mary, was born on May 3, 1910. The family residence is located at 616 Coleman street and is one of the attractive homes of the city. Although one of the later residents in Chippewa Falls, Mr. Brooks has already become recognized as one of the city's leading business men and his ability and progressive spirit insure his continued advancement.

ALFRED M. BERG.

Among the prosperous business men of Stanley, Wisconsin, is Alfred M. Berg, who there conducts a modern and up-to-date drug store. He is a native of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, being born June 18, 1875, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Berg, natives of Norway, in which country the father was born in 1841. When about twenty years of age he came to Wisconsin and followed his trade, which was that of machinist. The mother passed away in 1879, when our subject was only four years of age. He and his sister, Palma, are the children of this union.

Alfred M. Berg received his education in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where he attended school until eighteen years of age, when he accepted a position in a drug store, where for ten years he remained as clerk. He then set up in business independently and in 1906 came to Stanley, where he bought a drug store. Continuous success has been his and he does today a large and profitable business. He carries not only all the regular lines of medical goods and medicines but also has an extensive stock of sundries and has the agency for the Eastman kodaks and cameras. His stock is valued today at four thousand dollars and his store is well appointed and modernly equipped. He has gained a high reputation in the city and the surrounding country for his honest dealing, and his customers are ever assured of the best and most courteous treatment.

On June 26, 1907, Mr. Berg was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Flick, a daughter of Mrs. Laura Flick, of Augusta, Wisconsin, the marriage taking place in that city. The family are adherents of the Presbyterian faith, although they are not members of that church. Mr. Berg is a member of the Order of Beavers and the Sons of Norway. He owns his residence, where both he and his wife often entertain a large circle of friends. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, inclining towards the progressive wing of that organization. Mr. Berg is a public-spirited man in the best sense of the word, ever interested in movements undertaken on behalf of the general welfare. He is highly respected in business and social circles and has made many friends who esteem him for his high qualities of mind and character.

HON. CLARENCE B. CULBERTSON.

Not only is the Hon. Clarence B. Culbertson one of the foremost and most successful lawyers of Chippewa county, maintaining offices at Stanley, this state, but he has attained prominence along political lines, serving in various important offices in connection with the county and state government. He was born in Edinboro, Pennsylvania, on October 17, 1869, a son of Charles W. and Mary (Barber) Culbertson. The father was born in the same city on September 12, 1839, and was a lumberman and a farmer. He came to Augusta, Wisconsin, in 1872 and there made his home until his death, which took place in 1910. The mother was born in New York state in 1847 and now makes her home in Wilmette, near Chicago, Illinois. In their family were four children: Clarence, Andrew, Ira and Bernice.

Clarence B. Culbertson was educated in the Augusta high school, from which he graduated in 1888. He then attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison, receiving his law degree in 1894 and being admitted to the bar of the state at Madison in the same year, where he began practice in partnership with General Griffen, continuing in that relationship for nine months. He then came to Stanley and opened an office here in 1895, having ever since continued in the practice of his profession with ever increasing success.

Mr. Culbertson was united in marriage to Miss Lillian McCaffery, a daughter of James and Margaret (Durgan) McCaffery, of Augusta, Wisconsin, the ceremony taking place in that city on September 18, 1895. Mr. McCaffery is a miller

by trade and prominent in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson became the parents of three children; Charles D.; Clarence B., who died in infancy; and James G.

Mr. Culbertson is a republican in his political views and has ever taken a laudable interest in public affairs. For sixteen years he served as city attorney of Stanley and for eight years was county supervisor. He was city attorney at the time when the village adopted the city organization and did much important work in that connection. He also served as district attorney of Chippewa county and as a member of the state legislature. While a representative in the lower house he was one of the committee that framed the workingmen's compensation act, which was passed and adopted in Wisconsin and which since has been adopted by a number of other states in the Union. Mr. Culbertson has beside his important law practice other interests, being a stockholder in several local business corporations. He owns a beautiful and commodious residence in Stanley, where the family make their home. He also has farm holdings in Chippewa and Taylor counties. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and he is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Culbertson is one of the foremost citizens of Stanley and the county, having attained a remarkable degree of success along various lines of endeavor. While promoting his own interests, he is thoughtful of those of others and always takes into consideration how his actions will affect the general welfare. A faithful public official, a good politician, a forceful lawyer and an upright man, Hon. Clarence B. Culbertson enjoys the high esteem and full confidence of all those who have been brought into contact with him.

JOHN HAAG.

John Haag is honored as a veteran of the Civil war and is respected also as a man who by his own determination, honesty and industry has worked his way upward to a place among the representative citizens and prosperous farmers of Chippewa county. He was born in Germany, November 27, 1841, and is a son of George A. and Rosina K. (Schmidt) Haag, natives of that county, the former born August 8, 1804, and the latter, July 4, 1800. The father was a farmer and a shepherd in his native country and had an excellent record of six years service in the regular army. He came with his family to Washington county, this state, in 1854 in a sailing vessel, the trip consuming forty-eight days, and resumed his agricultural pursuits, remaining there until 1864 when he moved to Chippewa county. His health was very poor and during the greater period of his residence in America he made his home with his sons. He died October 22, 1872, having survived his wife since October 29, 1860. They became the parents of six children: Joseph, Mary B. and Casper have passed away. Katherine married George Meinhard, who died in 1902, leaving his wife and seven children. Adam is a retired farmer living in Delmar township. He married Miss Mary Rosenthal and has eleven children. John is the subject of this review.

John Haag acquired his education in the public schools of Germany, but his advantages along this line were limited, for he was obliged to assume the re-



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sponsibility for the support of the family when he was only twelve years of age, his father's illness requiring that this duty be performed by the eldest son. The family came to America in 1854 and settled in Washington county, Wisconsin, where Mr. Haag of this review worked at farm labor until August, 1862. In that year he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-sixth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, in the Union army and served until 1863, when he was mustered out. He returned to Washington county, but his health was too poor to permit him to work for almost a year thereafter. He endeavored for a while to work as a lumber jack in the woods, but was not strong enough after the hardships in the war, so he was made cook in a woodmen's camp and continued at this until in the spring, 1864, he moved to Chippewa county and here purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, turning his attention to its improvement and development. The years brought him constantly increasing success, for his industry was untiring and his methods at all times practical. He made extensive improvements upon his property and by hard work and close application finally made it one of the most productive and valuable farms in this locality. He raised all kinds of small grains and was a stock breeder on an extensive scale, both of these branches of his activities proving important and profitable. He was, however, especially interested in dairying and his dairy products commanded a high price and a ready sale on the local market. In 1907, feeling that he was entitled to a period of rest and leisure, Mr. Haag rented his farm to his son, Edwin J., and moved into Cadott where he has since lived in retirement. His landed holdings comprise the original one hundred and sixty acres on section 35, township 29, range 6, west, and twenty acres on section 34, township 29, range 6, west. He owns besides a comfortable residence in Cadott.

In Sigel township, January 22, 1868, Mr. Haag was united in marriage to Miss Anna C. Webert, a daughter of George and Anna C. (Goetz) Webert, natives of Germany. The family emigrated to America in 1865 and settled in Sigel township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Haag became the parents of twelve children. George A. is a farmer in Dunn county. He married Miss Mary Bushenderf and they became the parents of four children: Cora, Verona, Sylvester and Irene. Louis C. is manager of a hardware store in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He married Miss Amanda Bushenderf and they have two children, Gilbert and Luella. John makes his home in Cadott. Henry is a minister of an Evangelical church in Chicago, Illinois. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Katie Zimmerman, of Big Stone City, South Dakota. Mary M. became the wife of Fred Bushenderf, a farmer of Elk Mound, Wisconsin. They have five children: William, Melvina, Colesta, Stanley and Alice. Carrie and William have passed away. Anna became the wife of Wesley Becker, a salesman who resides at Greeley, Colorado. They became the parents of two children: Addison and one who has passed away. Arthur is a practising physician in Evansville, Wisconsin. Edwin J. is operating his father's farm. He married Miss Laura Eible and they have one child, Gale. Benjamin J. is a clerk in a hardware store in Eau Claire. He and his wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Maude Rice, have a daughter, Elizabeth. Adeline K., youngest child in this family, lives at home.

Mr. Haag is a devout member of the Evangelical church of Chippewa Falls and belongs to George T. Ginty Post, No. 183, G. A. R. Energy, determination

and enterprise have formed the basis of his success in life, for he assumed the responsibilities of manhood when he was still a child and since that time has worked his way earnestly and persistently upward toward the goal of prosperity. In whatever relation of life he has been found, he has proved always conscientious, straightforward and reliable and in the course of a long and useful career has commanded and held the respect and esteem of all who have been associated with him.

ALFRED ANDERSON.

Alfred Anderson is one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Auburn township where for many years he has owned and operated a fine property of one hundred and sixty acres. This constitutes the homestead upon which he was born, his father being Andrew Anderson, a native of Norway and a pioneer in this part of Wisconsin. As a young man he emigrated to America and homesteaded land in Auburn township where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death which occurred when he was eighty years of age. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Anna Christianson, survives him and makes her home with the subject of this review. They were the parents of four children.

Alfred Anderson acquired his education in the public schools of this county, and from an early age assisted with the operation of the home farm, becoming familiar in this way with the best agricultural methods. When he began his independent career he naturally turned his attention to the occupation to which he had been reared and after his father's death purchased the interests of the other heirs to the homestead. This he has operated since that time and he has made it a most attractive and valuable property, provided with substantial buildings and excellent machinery.

Mr. Anderson married Miss Olive Surdson and they have one child, Arline, aged seventeen months. Mr. Anderson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and holds the office of school clerk, discharging his duties in an able and progressive way. He is well known in the township where he has spent his entire life and he holds the esteem and confidence of his neighbors as a reliable business man and a progressive citizen.

B. P. MATTISON.

B. P. Mattison is engaged in general farming and dairying upon eighty acres of land nine miles north of Bloomer in Sampson township and by his practical methods and well directed efforts in its cultivation has surrounded himself with a gratifying degree of prosperity. He was born in New York state in 1858 and is a son of Luman and Mary (Hall) Mattison, natives of the Empire state. The father died at the age of sixty-five and the mother is still living. They had four children: B. P.; Eva; Mary; and Clara, deceased.

When he was still a child B. P. Mattison moved with his parents to Illinois and in the public schools of that state he acquired his education. From his childhood he assisted with the work of the homestead and when he laid aside his books was already a practical and able agriculturist. He began his independent career in Illinois and went from there to Nebraska where he remained for fifteen years. He afterwards spent a short time in Iowa and then came to Wisconsin, settling in Chippewa county in 1903. For a time he worked at farming in the employ of his brother-in-law but later purchased land of his own whereon he has since resided. He owns eighty acres of choice land nine miles north of Bloomer and gives his attention to general farming and dairying, meeting with distinct and substantial success.

Mr. Mattison married Mrs. Bertha (Mitchell) Barry and both are well and favorably known in their township. Mr. Mattison is a member of the Seventh Day Baptist church and in politics votes independently, supporting men and measures without regard to party lines. He has won for himself a creditable position in agricultural circles of this section by reason of his sterling integrity and the keen discrimination which he constantly displays in carrying forward his interests.

ANSON GREEN.

Since 1895 Anson Green has been engaged in the practice of law in Stanley and has in that length of time been connected with much important litigation tried before the courts of the county and state. He came here from South Dakota, where for many years he was prominent as a lawyer and legislator, and is a native of this state, where he was born in Neillsville, Clark county, February 7, 1858. His parents were Anson and Mary E. (Dean) Green, both natives of New York state, where the former was born in 1816 and the latter in 1826. The father was engaged in logging in Clark county in the early days and there he passed away in 1882, the mother surviving him for ten years.

Anson Green is one of a family of eight children and until nineteen years of age attended the Neillsville high school. He then entered upon his professional studies in the law department of the University of Wisconsin, at Madison, from which he was graduated in 1879. He began practicing at Spencer, Wisconsin, there remaining for one year, and then removed to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where for thirteen years he was intimately connected with the legal life of that city. Returning to his native state, he then located in Prentice, where he remained for about three years, and in 1895 came to Stanley, where he has ever since been one of the city's most successful legal practitioners. He is well versed in the principles of law, forceful in presenting his cause, logical in his deductions and convincing in his arguments, and there is no court or jury which would not be impressed by his clear presentation of facts. It is therefore but natural that a large and important clientage has come to him and that today he is considered one of the foremost lawyers in Chippewa county.

On October 16, 1880, Mr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Mamie B. Dawes, a daughter of Charles F. and Sarah M. (Searles) Dawes, of Necedah,

Wisconsin. There the mother died in 1909 and the father now resides in St. Paul, Minnesota. In the early days he was a lumberman widely known in his district and highly respected and esteemed. Mr. and Mrs. Green became the parents of six children, of whom four survive; Grace, who married Elmer Kaas, a banker in South Dakota; Charles A., who married a young lady from Spokane, Washington, by whom he has one child, Helen; Jesse D., who is engaged in the real-estate business in Stanley in association with H. H. Moore; and Fred M., who is assistant manager and advertising man for the Aberdeen Daily News at Aberdeen, South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Green attend the services of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest.

Mr. Green gives his political support to the republican party, the principles of which he staunchly upholds at the polls, giving his vote always to the candidates and measures of that organization. While in South Dakota he was for one term, in 1889, a member of the state legislature and did highly efficient work in committee rooms as well as on the floor of the house. Mr. Green also has the distinction of having served as the first city attorney of Stanley. He is deeply interested in the public welfare and although he at present does not hold any public position, strongly upholds all measures of whose worth he is convinced. A competent lawyer and a public-spirited citizen, he is highly respected and he is also esteemed as a kindly man who ever exhibits a spirit of human fellowship and takes a deep interest in those around him, be they of a high or lowly station in life.

LOUIS KRANZFELDER

Louis Kranzfelder is proprietor of the largest meat market in Bloomer, and well merits the success which comes to him, for he has a food establishment of which neatness, prompt service and honorable dealing are noticeable characteristics. He is one of Wisconsin's native sons, his birth having occurred in Sauk county in 1855. Like many of the residents of the state, he is of the first generation of the family born in the new world. His father, Leonard Kranzfelder, was a native of Bavaria, but crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1854 and made his way to Wisconsin, where he took up his abode. He was first engaged in farming but later turned his attention to the manufacture of brick, in which connection he conducted a growing and profitable business. He died at an advanced age and left behind him many friends who recognized and honored him for his sterling worth. He was married in Sauk City, Wisconsin, to Miss Afra Knöpfle, and they became the parents of seven children.

At the usual age Louis Kranzfelder entered the public schools, in which he mastered the common branches of learning. After putting aside his text-books, he was employed in various ways on the river and in farming through ten summers. He next went to work in a meat market at Eau Claire and later was employed in a similar capacity in Sauk City. Subsequently he opened a shop there but after a year disposed of his interests at Sauk City and about 1882 came to Bloomer, where he has since engaged in the meat business, having handled the largest establishment of the kind in the town. He also has potatoes and merchandise and was the first man in his locality to buy and ship carloads of potatoes.

He has so successfully managed his business affairs that in addition to the ownership of the store, he is a stockholder in the telephone company, in the creamery, in the machine company and in the Bank of Bloomer.

Mr. Kranzfelder was married in 1881 to Miss Rosalia Eiter, of Sauk City, and they have become the parents of nine children: Richard, Edward, Leonard, May, Anna, Helena, Joseph, Louis and Robert.

Mr. Kranzfelder votes with the democratic party and has held various village offices. He holds a policy in the Bankers Life Insurance Company, of Iowa, and he belongs to the Catholic Knights and to the Catholic church. Early in his business career he was actuated by the laudable ambition of attaining success if it could be done through persevering, earnest effort. His labors have brought about the desired result. He has worked persistently and indefatigably and as the years have gone by has achieved a creditable measure of prosperity.

OLE C. HAUGEN.

In the history of the business development of Stanley it is imperative that mention be made of Ole C. Haugen, well known in the town as the founder of the Otter Creek Ice Company. Although his connection with financial interests there has covered only a comparatively brief period, he has already attained a position of prominence, while in his farming operations he has also demonstrated his worth and reliability. He was born in Norway, April 10, 1857, and is a son of Ole and Elsie C (Peterson) Anderson, also natives of that country, the former being born in 1836 and the latter in 1826. The father was a ship carpenter by trade, following this occupation until his death, which occurred in 1882. He had survived his first wife several years and by that union had two children: Ole C. and Martina G. After the death of his first wife Ole Anderson married Miss Patrine Anderson, and to this union were born seven children: Martina, Anton, Gustave, Christina, Laura, Marie and Ole. The mother and children make their home in Norway.

Ole C. Haugen attended the public schools in his native country until he was fourteen years of age, and then followed the sea for a number of years, rising to be captain of a vessel when he was only twenty-three years of age. He afterwards attended a school of navigation for one year and then spent six months studying this science under private tutors. He was afterwards a teacher of navigation, but at the end of one year again went to sea, shipping as mate and continuing thus for six months, when he was promoted to the rank of captain. He followed the sea thereafter until 1888, but in that year abandoned that line of occupation and moved to Eau Claire, this state, where he secured a position in a sawmill. At the end of three years he began taking contracts for piling lumber and continued this in Stanley for sixteen years. In 1900 he purchased eighty acres of fine farming land on section 24, township 29, range 5 west, and upon that property he took up his residence in 1906.

He has been very successful in its cultivation and has made many substantial improvements upon it, erecting modern buildings and installing labor-saving machinery. He specializes in dairying and is also interested in stock-raising, keep-

ing twenty-five head of cattle and six horses. He is a member of the Guernsey Cattle Breeders Association, and he keeps abreast of the most advanced thought along this line. Mr. Haugen is also well known in Stanley as the organizer of the Otter Creek Ice Company. He founded this in 1907 and it has grown since that time to be one of the representative business concerns of that locality, the plant having a capacity of four thousand tons. In addition to this Mr. Haugen is a stockholder in the Stanley Dairy and Warehouse Company and in the American and Norwegian Steamship Line and is known throughout his section of the county as a farsighted, discriminating and able business man.

Mr. Haugen has been married three times. He wedded first in Norway in 1882, Miss Marion Evenson, by whom he had five children, three of whom are still living. His first wife passed away in 1899 and in 1903 he wedded in Chippewa Falls, Miss Oline Hansen. She died in 1910, leaving three children. In Chippewa Falls in 1911 Mr. Haugen was again married, his third union being with Mrs. Marie Stone of that city.

Mr. Haugen gives his political support to the republican party and has been a member of the school board almost continuously since taking up his residence in this county. His religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the United Lutheran church, of which he is a deacon. He stands high in both a business and a social sense and well deserves mention among the representative citizens of Chippewa county.

ANDREW HALVERSON.

Sampson township numbers among its most representative and substantial farmers Andrew Halverson, who owns and operates a fine property of eighty acres whereon he engages in general farming and dairying. He was born in Wisconsin in 1861 and is a son of Halvar Thompson, a native of Norway who came to the United States soon after his marriage and located in Wisconsin, settling first in Dane county, whence he moved to McCloud county, Minnesota, where he lived three years, after which he moved to Wisconsin again, settling in Jackson county, where he resided till his death. He married Miss Torborg and they became the parents of seven children, of whom two are deceased. Of the five who are living, three live in Chippewa county: Hans and Andrew, near New Auburn; and J. B. at Stanley. Thomas and Isabella reside on the homestead in Jackson county.

In the acquirement of an education Andrew Halverson attended the public schools of Jackson county and business college at Valparaiso, Indiana, and after laying aside his books worked at carpentering in various localities in the northern states for eleven years. At the end of that time he settled in Chippewa county and purchased a farm near New Auburn, this tract comprising one hundred and sixty acres. He afterwards sold this and purchased the eighty acres which he still owns. He carries on general farming and dairying and is meeting with substantial success. He makes his home with his brother Hans, a well known farmer of Sampson township, where he owns what is considered the best improved property in the section.

Andrew Halverson is unmarried. Hans wedded Miss Lena Ekern. All are well and favorably known in this part of Chippewa county and are devout members of the Norwegian Lutheran church. The subject of this review votes independently, supporting men and measures without regard to party lines. He is at present serving as chairman of his township and is known as a capable public official as well as a progressive and able farmer.

MRS. ELIZABETH MULLIN.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mullin, who has lived within the borders of Chippewa county for almost six decades, is the owner of a well improved farm of eighty acres on section 12, Arthur township. It was in 1855 that she came to this county from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where her birth occurred on the 12th of September, 1838. Her parents, Peter and Catherine (Geib) Snyder, are both deceased and lie buried in Chippewa county. She attended school in Milwaukee until seventeen years of age and subsequently earned her own livelihood until she gave her hand in marriage to Harvey Luther, a storekeeper of Chippewa Falls, who passed away in 1867. By this union were born two children, namely: Anne, who is the wife of James Mitchell, a logger of Chippewa county; and Emma, the wife of Jonas Duesett, who follows farming in this county. In 1870 Mrs. Luther became the wife of Albert Mullin, owning the farm of eighty acres in Arthur township on which she is now residing and which has remained in her possession since her husband's death. The improvements on the property include a commodious and substantial residence as well as barns and outbuildings and, carefully conducting her farming interests, Mrs. Mullin enjoys a gratifying annual income. She is a devoted member of the Lutheran church and exemplifies its teachings in her daily life. She has won many friends in this county during the long period of her residence here and is largely familiar with its history from pioneer times down to the present.

IMBERT ROE.

Imbert Roe occupies an important position in financial circles of Stanley as cashier of the Citizens State Bank. He was born in Porters Mills, Eau Claire county, Wisconsin, August 11, 1884, and is a son of Louis I. and Ellen (Haagen-sen) Roe, natives of Norway, the former born August 8, 1860. They now reside in Stanley, where the father is well known in business circles as president of the L. I. Roe Company, general merchants. In their family were eleven children, Imbert, Herman, Bertha, Edwin B., Ludwig I., Norman O., Bernhard O., Edna L., Signe, Borghild and Sigfrid A.

Imbert Roe acquired his education in the public schools of Stanley and in St. Olaf's College at Northfield, Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1902. When he returned to Stanley he entered the Citizens State Bank as a clerk and he was advanced to the position of cashier in 1909. He has held this

responsible position since that time and has proved himself a farsighted and capable financier. He has other important connections, being a stockholder in the Ingram State Bank of Ingram and the Junction City Bank of Junction City, and his ability is recognized and respected in business circles.

At Ostrander, Minnesota, August 29, 1905, Mr. Roe was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Johnson, a daughter of Knudt and Elsie (Heleckun) Johnson, the former a prosperous farmer of Ostrander, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Roe have two children, Evelyn D. and Nordis I. Mr. Roe is a member of the United Lutheran church and a republican in his political beliefs. Although one of the younger men of Stanley he has already attained gratifying success in his chosen line of work and his ability and enterprise will undoubtedly carry him forward into still more important business relations.

LUDGER VAUDREUIL.

Prominent among the energetic, capable and far-seeing business men of Chippewa Falls, is Ludger Vaudreuil, president of the Vaudreuil Lumber Company. Realizing at the outset of his career that there is no royal road to wealth, he cultivated the qualities of determination, persistency and energy until success in large measure has rewarded his efforts. He has been a resident of Chippewa county since 1870 and through the intervening years has made continuous progress until his position in business circles of Chippewa Falls is an enviable one. He was only four years of age when brought to Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Montreal, Canada, on the 2d of May, 1866. He is a son of Godfrey and Solime (Dussault) Vaudreuil, the former a lumberman and one of the early settlers of Chippewa county. After many years' residence here he passed away in 1894, and was laid to rest in Forest Hill cemetery. His wife is still a resident of Chippewa Falls and has reached the age of seventy-eight. The family is of French lineage. The sterling worth and capability of Godfrey Vaudreuil made him widely and favorably known and he was classed with the most highly respected residents of his city.

Brought to Chippewa Falls at the early age of four years, Ludger Vaudreuil entered the public schools here and pursued his education to the age of eleven years, when he started out in life on his own account. He may truly be called a self-made man, for since that time he has been dependent upon his own resources. In the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons and he has made each one count for the utmost in a successful career. He was employed in various positions in connection with lumber manufacturing and through much of his life was connected with the Chippewa Lumber & Boom Company. His first service was in the sawmills but later he went into the woods, where he worked until twenty-one years of age, when he became shipping clerk in the yard. When he was twenty-four years of age he was promoted to the position of superintendent of the shipping department and thus continued until the business was closed out in March, 1912. At that time he purchased the retail department of the Chippewa Lumber & Boom Company and his business has grown steadily month by month. Already his patronage has reached extensive proportions and



LUDGER VAUDREUIL

his long connection with the lumber business makes him thoroughly qualified to conduct an individual undertaking of that character.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 22d of November, 1893, Mr. Vaudreuil was married to Miss Lenora Blair, a daughter of Louis and Mary Blair, of Tilden township, the former a pioneer farmer of this county. They are now residents of Saskatchewan, Canada. In 1905 Mr. Vaudreuil was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away in March of that year and was laid to rest in Forest Hill cemetery. She left five children, beside the husband, to mourn her loss, namely: Annette, a sister of the Notre Dame order; Wilfred, who is book-keeper for the Vaudreuil Lumber Company; Irene, a student in the high school; and Lionel and Ronald, both of whom are attending school. On the 20th of June, 1907, Mr. Vaudreuil was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Caron, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caron, of Fall River, Massachusetts. Three daughters have been born of the second marriage, Isabelle, Gladys and Elsmele.

Mr. Vaudreuil has erected an attractive home at 202 Court street. He is devoted to the welfare of his family and is interested in various projects having to do with the benefit and upbuilding of the community. He belongs to the Notre Dame Catholic church, of which he has been treasurer for a number of years. He is a member of St. John's Society and of the Knights of Columbus of which he is a trustee. He is a member of the board of education and has co-operated in many projects that have led to substantial improvements in Chippewa Falls. His life has been one of intense activity, intelligently directed, and step by step he has worked his way upward until he occupies a prominent and enviable place in the commercial circles of his city.

J. WESLEY RAVEN.

J. Wesley Raven is the owner of Raven's Roost, a valuable and well managed stock farm of one hundred and sixty acres, lying four miles west of Bloomer, in Cooks Valley. His entire life has been spent upon that property and he has been its owner for the past six years, its excellent condition at the present time being largely due to his well directed efforts in its management. Mr. Raven was born on the place he now owns, within six rods of his present house, August 2, 1884, and is a son of John V. Raven, a native of New York state, who came to Wisconsin when he was about twenty years of age. He afterward moved to Chippewa county, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1911, when he was sixty-two years of age. He married, in Wisconsin, Miss Ede Sackett, who died in 1907, leaving three children: William, who makes his home in Colfax; J. Wesley, of this review; and Elona.

J. Wesley Raven acquired his early education in the public schools of Chippewa county and afterward took a short course at the Wisconsin State University at Madison. After laying aside his books he returned to the homestead and six years ago purchased this property, which he has since operated. He carries on general farming and dairying but is especially interested in stock-raising, concentrating his attention largely upon that branch of his activities. He raises

pure-bred Holstein and Holstein-Friesian cattle and has always a large and valuable herd. Since the farm came into his possession he has replaced the old buildings by modern structures, retaining, however, the house, which is a comfortable and commodious residence.

Mr. Raven married Miss Fannie Harwood, and they are the parents of two children, Robert and Roger, twins, five years of age. Mr. Raven is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is independent in his political views, voting for men and measures without regard to party lines. He has rendered the township excellent service as assessor and is public-spirited and progressive in matters of citizenship, taking an intelligent interest in the welfare of his native community.

EDWARD F. BURNS, D. D. S.

Edward F. Burns, who for a number of years practiced dentistry in Stanley and who is now connected with important business interests of the city as secretary and treasurer of the Stanley Produce Company, was born in Portage county, Wisconsin, April 20, 1871. He is a son of Nicholas and Mary (O'Connor) Burns, natives of Ireland, the former born in 1824 and the latter in 1830. Their marriage occurred in Wilmington, Delaware, whither the father came in 1860, and eight years afterwards they moved to Wisconsin. In this state Nicholas Burns engaged in farming until his death which occurred in 1905. His wife passed away in 1910. In their family were eight children. James died in infancy. John is a farmer on the old homestead in Portage county. He married Mary Dorshiet and they have four children. Mary is the third child in this family. Michael and Margaret died in infancy. Nicholas is engaged in farming at Portage. He married Miss Hannah Tobin and they have become the parents of five children. Anna became the wife of J. E. Phillips, county superintendent of schools of Taylor county. They have eight children. Edward is the subject of this review.

Edward F. Burns acquired his early education in the district schools of Portage county and later attended the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. He took a course in the Oshkosh Normal School and afterward entered Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, where he studied dentistry, receiving his degree of D. D. S. in 1897. On the 22d of February in the following year he opened an office in Stanley and continued in active practice of his profession until August, 1910, securing in the meantime a large and representative patronage. He eventually abandoned dentistry and turned his attention to business pursuits, purchasing the warehouse and stock of the W. W. Crane Sons Company and incorporating the Stanley Produce Company of which he has since been secretary and treasurer, with Mr. J. F. Wallace, president. Dr. Burns has proved a reliable, enterprising and aggressive business man and because of his ability he occupies an important place in the business world of Stanley. He is secretary and manager of the Stanley Ginseng Company which he aided in organizing and was one of the organizers and stockholders as well as vice president of the Citizens State Bank of Stanley, which position he held until March, 1910, when he sold his financial interests in order to enter mercantile life. He was also one of the organ-

izers of the State Bank of Boyd, Wisconsin, and served as a director for the first two years of its history. He attained a position of prominence in his profession and was known as the first dentist to establish an office on the Wisconsin Central Railroad between Chippewa Falls and Marshfield.

In Chicago, Illinois, on the 15th of November, 1898, Dr. Burns was united in marriage to Miss Estella M. Judd, a daughter of Whitney and Martha (Haywood) Judd, the former of whom engaged in the livery business for many years. He now makes his home in Stanley at the age of eighty-three, having survived his wife since 1900. Mrs. Burns passed away in 1912, leaving three children: Judd, Donald and Robert.

Dr. Burns is president of the Wisconsin Ginseng Growers' Association and he is connected fraternally with the Order of Beavers and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is an independent republican in his political beliefs and is a devout member of the Christian Scientist church. Although he has been active in business affairs for only three years he has already formed important and permanent connections and has attained for himself a high place among the representative and substantial men of the city.

WILBUR H. BRIDGMAN.

Wilbur H. Bridgman, editor of the Stanley Republican and postmaster of the city for the past fifteen years, was born on a farm in Wiota, Lafayette county, Wisconsin, November 27, 1866. His paternal ancestry is easily traced in the history of this country from pre-revolutionary times, the progenitor of all of the Bridgmans having emigrated from England in the seventeenth century and settled in New England. The father of the subject of this review came from Ohio to Wisconsin and his mother, Ellen Ann Williams, was born in New York state.

Wilbur H. Bridgman acquired his early education in the common schools and supplemented it with courses in the Darlington high school, the Oshkosh Normal School and Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan. He followed the vocation of teaching for several years and in 1894 was elected county superintendent of schools of Iron county, Wisconsin, winning reelection in 1896. In 1894 he established and began the publication of the Iron County Republican at Hurley and two years later established the Stanley Republican at Stanley. This he subsequently merged with the associated printing business into the Inter-County Publishing Company in which he remains a controlling factor. He has been successful in newspaper work and finds it congenial. He was elected president of the Wisconsin Press Association in 1910 and reelected in 1911. Because of the distinction enjoyed by this association as being the oldest organization of the kind in the world and because of the fact that some of the most distinguished men the state has produced are numbered in the long line of its presidents, Mr. Bridgman believes that his choice for this position by his fellow editors is the greatest honor that has ever been conferred upon him. He was appointed postmaster at Stanley by President McKinley on April 1, 1898, reappointed by Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, having now held this responsible position for fifteen years and a half. Mr. Bridgman was one of the organizers of the

Citizens State Bank, Stanley's first banking institution, and has been continuously on its board of directors and is at present its vice president.

On the 1st of February, 1899, Mr. Bridgman married Miss Carolyn Fawcett of Minneapolis and two sons and a daughter have been born to them. Mr. Bridgman is a member of Stanley Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M.; Wisconsin Chapter R. A. M.; and Tancred Commandery, K. T., of Chippewa Falls. He is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Bridgman is well known in Stanley as a capable public official, a progressive citizen and a farsighted and reliable business man.

WALTER M. MILLER.

As secretary and treasurer of the Miller-Myers Implement Company Walter M. Miller occupies an important position in commercial circles in Stanley. Since 1902 he has been engaged in that line of business and since 1906 has held his present position with the Miller-Myers Implement Company, which was incorporated in that year with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Miller also has other important interests and has creditably discharged his public duties as city clerk for a number of years. He is also interested in Indian lore and Indian relics and has one of the finest collections of Indian trophies and mementos in this part of Wisconsin. He was born in Dunn county, this state, November 19, 1881, and is a son of Frank O. and Mathilda (Machmiller) Miller, natives of Dodge county, the former born March 21, 1858, and the latter in 1857. The father is one of the foremost citizens of Stanley and president of the Miller-Myers Implement Company, having been largely instrumental in founding this important business and contributing to its growth. He and his wife are the parents of two children: Ella, who married Arthur A. Myers, vice president of the Miller-Myers Implement Company, by whom she has three children, Zeona, Loma and La Moine; and Walter M., of this review.

Up to the age of thirteen years Walter M. Miller attended district school and then for two years pursued his studies in the Eau Galle school. He subsequently taught school during the winter months and in summer engaged in farming, continuing so for three years. At the end of that period he was engaged in the implement business with his father for one year and then, recognizing the importance of a thorough business training, took a course at Toland's Business College at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. After leaving this school he went to North Dakota, where he remained for three months and then came to Stanley, where in 1902 he became connected with the implement business. The Miller-Myers Implement Company was incorporated in 1906 and he has served as its secretary and treasurer ever since, contributing largely toward the growth of the business. The president is Frank O. Miller, father of our subject, and A. A. Myers is vice president. The capital stock is twenty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Miller of this review has exhibited rare business ability and executive force in his connection with the company and the present prosperous condition of the business is in a large measure due to him.

On October 26, 1904, at Elmwood, Wisconsin, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Kelly, a daughter of Thomas P. and Frances (Webb) Kelly, of Spring Lake township, Pierce county, this state. Mr. Kelly is a sawmill owner and prominent in his section. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one son, Donald.

In his political affiliations Mr. Miller is a progressive republican, deeply interested in his party and always upholding its candidates at the polls. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodman of America. For three terms he has successfully discharged the duties of city clerk of Stanley. He is a stockholder in the Farmers and Merchants Bank. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, in the work of which he takes a laudable interest. Mr. Miller finds recreation and great pleasure in collecting Indian relics and now owns about three thousand pieces, one of the finest collections in this part of the state. He owns his own residence and there he and his wife often entertain, both being prominent and popular in the best circles of society. Mr. Miller is recognized as one of the most progressive business men of the city and is highly respected wherever known. Successful in business, he ever exhibits those qualities which make for good citizenship and is recognized as a forceful and influential factor in the community.

FRANK O. MILLER.

Frank O. Miller, prominently connected with business interests of Stanley as president of the Miller-Myers Implement Company, a large concern which he aided in organizing, was born in Dodge county, this state, March 21, 1858. He is a son of William Miller, whose birth occurred in Germany in 1817 and who came to Wisconsin when he was a young man, settling in Dodge county, where he engaged in farming. His first wife died here six years later. They were the parents of four children: William, who has passed away; Louis; Louisa; and Augusta, also deceased. William Miller afterward married Miss Henrietta Melcher, of Dodge county, and they became the parents of eight children: Henry, who resides in Dunn county; Frank O., of this review; Herman, of Cottage Grove, Oregon; Otto, of Tomahawk Junction, Wisconsin; Julius, a resident of Eugene, Oregon; Fred, who lives in Red Wing, Minnesota; and two who died in infancy.

Frank O. Miller acquired his education in the Dodge county district schools, laying aside his books at the age of fourteen. He afterward remained upon his father's farm until he was twenty years of age and then purchased a tract of wild land in Dunn county. This he cleared of a heavy growth of timber and upon it built a log cabin, in which he lived for eighteen years and in which all of his children were born. Eventually he sold this property and moved upon his brother's farm in Weston township, Dunn county, where he remained for three years. In 1900 he removed to Stanley and here opened a farm implement store which he conducted alone until 1906, when the Miller-Myers Implement Company was incorporated with the following officers: Frank O. Miller, president; Arthur A. Myers, vice president; and Walter M. Miller, secretary and treasurer. The capital stock is now twenty-five thousand dollars and the busi-

ness controlled by the company is constantly increasing in volume and importance. Much of the credit for this growth is due to the energetic and well directed work of Frank O. Miller, who gives a great deal of his time to the affairs of the concern and who has directed its policy along modern and progressive lines.

In Woodland township, Dodge county, on the 20th of November, 1879, Mr. Miller married Miss Mathilda Machmiller, a daughter of Charles and Johannah (Beecher) Machmiller, the former a brickmaker and mason by trade and also the proprietor of a store and hotel in Dodge county. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have become the parents of two children. Ella married Arthur A. Myers, vice president of the Miller-Myers Implement Company, and they have three children, Zeona, Loma and La Moine. Walter is secretary and treasurer of the Miller-Myers Implement Company. He married Miss Bessie Kelly and they have become the parents of a son, Donald.

Mr. Miller is a member of the Lutheran church and is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Equitable Fraternal Union. He is a progressive republican in his political beliefs and served for three terms as a member of the town council and for ten years on the water commission at Stanley. His cooperation can always be counted upon in the promotion of progressive public projects and everything pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the community receives his endorsement and hearty support. He is known as a progressive and public-spirited citizen and holds the esteem and high regard of all who are associated with him.

THOMAS EMMERTON.

Thomas Emmerton was the fifth settler in the part of Chippewa county which is now Auburn township, having located on the farm which he still owns in 1860. He has, therefore, witnessed practically the entire development of this region, for at the time of his arrival few settlements had been made within the borders of the county and the land was practically an unbroken wilderness. In the work of development which has been steadily carried forward since that time Mr. Emmerton has borne an active and honorable part, making his own farm a valuable and productive property and cooperating heartily in measures for the community advancement and growth. Today, at the age of seventy-seven, he is one of the most highly respected residents of Auburn township and is ranked with the real upbuilders and promoters of this section of the state.

Thomas Emmerton was born in Middlesex, England, in 1836, and is a son of John Emmerton, also a native of that country, who emigrated to America at an early date and settled in Huron township, Ontario, Canada, in August, 1848. For a number of years he engaged in railroad contracting, building railroads and bridges in England, and he died in Ontario, Canada, at the age of ninety-three. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Miss Caroline Hibbert, became the parents of eight children, six sons and two daughters. Four still survive.

Thomas Emmerton acquired his education in the public schools of England and after laying aside his books came to America, settling in Canada, where he arrived in 1848. He remained there until 1860 and then came to Wisconsin.

making the journey from Janesville to this locality by wagon. The fifth settler in Auburn township, he located on a farm there and upon this property has since resided continuously, a period of fifty-three years. At the time of his arrival the Indians were very numerous, wild game was plentiful and the entire county practically a wilderness. With characteristic energy Mr. Emmerton set himself to improve his farm, erecting excellent buildings, and the years have brought him constantly increasing success so that he is today in possession of a fine property of four hundred acres, the excellent condition of which represents the results of a long, honorable and useful career.

Mr. Emmerton married Miss Sarah Roberts, of Yorkshire, England, and they became the parents of nine children; Alfred, of Butte, Montana; Charles, who resides one and a half miles from his father's farm; William, who is aiding in the operation of the homestead; Ernest, deceased; Caroline, at home; Robert, who has passed away; Helen, who lives in Chippewa Falls; George, a resident of Colfax; and Rose, also deceased.

Mr. Emmerton is a member of the Episcopal church and in politics votes independently, being influenced by men and measures rather than by party lines. He has held various local offices and since pioneer times has been interested in business affairs, cooperating heartily in all measures to promote general advancement and growth, and especially the welfare of the farming class. He was elected first state president of the American Society of Equity of the state of Wisconsin. Living in Chippewa county for fifty-three years, during all of which time he has resided upon his present farm, he is one of the best known citizens of this locality, being widely recognized as a man of tried integrity and worth, of business enterprise and unflinching diligence.

ERICK E. BRANDMO.

Since 1906 Erick E. Brandmo has conducted a photographic gallery in Stanley and has built up a business of gratifying proportions. Not only is he thoroughly acquainted with the technical aspects of photography but he also has a keen artistic perception which makes his pictures true to life and always guides him in bringing out the most advantageous yet unstudied pose and the most desirable effect. He is yet a young man, having been born September 26, 1884, in Norway, in which country he remained until he was about nineteen years of age. He is a son of Thorstein and Mathia (Erickson) Brandmo, natives of Norway, the former born in 1840 and the latter in 1858. The father followed the same business in which his son is now engaged and upon coming to America the parents settled in Stanley, Wisconsin, where the father died in 1912. The mother survives and makes her home in that city. Of their family of eight children five are yet living, Ellis, Erick, Peter R., Trygve and Margaret.

Erick E. Brandmo received his education in the schools of Norway until sixteen years of age, and in 1904 came to America. He has ever since been connected with the photographic art and during his first years in this country was engaged in business for two years in Minnesota. In 1906 he came to Stanley, buying a gallery, and has ever since been very successful here, numbering among

his customers the most representative people of the section. His studio is excellently appointed and equipped with all the necessities to insure satisfactory effects in his pictures. He uses very powerful and high-grade cameras and his pictures are not only perfect from a mechanical point of view but show an artistic sense for proper proportion and effective arrangement which is highly satisfactory. It is but natural therefore that Mr. Brandmo enjoys a profitable patronage which is fast increasing.

Mr. Brandmo owns a residence and lot in Stanley, in the growth of which city he is much interested. He is a member of the Sons of Norway and his religious views are those of the United Lutheran church. A progressive young man, he has ambitiously set out to make his way in the world and, choosing the profession most suitable to his tastes and abilities, is on the highroad to prosperity.

HUGH J. CALDER.

Hugh J. Calder owns and operates a farm of two hundred acres on section 8, Lafayette township. His residence in Chippewa county covers a period of forty-two years, as he arrived here in 1871. He was born at Lancaster, Grant county, Wisconsin, February 12, 1855, and is a son of Alexander and Jane (Johnson) Calder. The father was a lumberman in the employ of the Union Lumber Company and later he was with the Chippewa Lumber & Boom Company for thirteen years. Subsequently he retired from active business life and made his home with his son, Hugh J., passing away in 1896 at the venerable age of eighty years. His remains lie buried in the Forest Hill cemetery. His wife had long preceded him to the home beyond, her death occurring in 1862, her grave being in Lancaster, Grant county, Wisconsin.

Hugh J. Calder acquired his education in Chippewa Falls and left the high school at the age of twenty-one years. He afterward worked as a scaler for A. K. Shaw but later took up a homestead of eighty acres and in connection with his work in the lumber woods improved his farm. For several years he carried on general agricultural pursuits on that land and the careful methods which he employed in developing his land enabled him to win success. As his financial resources increased he added to his property until he became the owner of his present valuable farm of two hundred acres on section 8, Lafayette township. For some time he kept large flocks of sheep, but on account of the depredations made upon the fold by the wolves, he had to give up that industry and he now specializes in dairying, keeping fourteen milch cows for that purpose. He also has considerable other stock, all high grade, and his farm is splendidly equipped with all that goes to make up a model farm of the twentieth century. In addition to his agricultural interests he owns stock in the Melville Settlement Telephone Company, being one of its first subscribers.

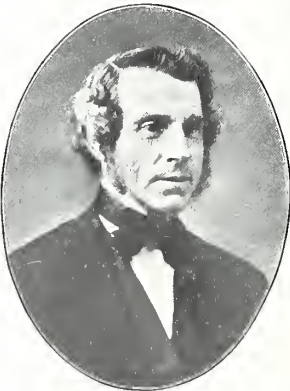
In Chippewa Falls, on the 16th of November, 1903, Mr. Calder was married to Miss Johanna Hall, a daughter of James and Eliza (Connell) Hall, of Eau Claire, both of whom were born near Dublin, Ireland. They were married in that country and came to America about 1863. The mother died on Febru-



MR. AND MRS. HUGH J. CALDER



MRS. ELIZA C. HALL



MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER CALDER



PIONEER HOME OF HUGH J. CALDER



INTERIOR OF HUGH J. CALDER PIONEER HOME

ary 16, 1893, but the father is still living at the age of eighty-six years and makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Richard Johnson, in Eau Claire. Mrs. Calder was formerly a school teacher and later a bookkeeper and stenographer, being thus engaged prior to her marriage. Two children have been born of this union, Hugh and Elizabeth J.

In politics Mr. Calder is a republican, stalwart in support of the party and its principles. The cause of education finds in him a warm friend and for twenty-one years he has served as a member of the school board, during which time he has done effective work in behalf of public instruction. He was formerly identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he is still a member of the Presbyterian church. Forty-two years have come and gone since he arrived in this county, which was then largely a wilderness. He cleared his land during the first two years of his occupancy of the farm with a yoke of oxen. He knows what it is to work hard, but through perseverance and diligence he has overcome many obstacles and difficulties and his success is evidenced in the fact that he is today the owner of a large, well improved farm with a fine modern residence and all other necessary buildings. His success may be attributed to earnest, indefatigable effort and honesty and his popularity to his upright character.

DAVID J. KEAN.

David J. Kean, a prominent hardware merchant of Stanley, was born in Campbellton, New Brunswick, March 1, 1859, and is a son of John and Susan (West) Kean, also natives of Canada. The father followed farming during all of his active life, dying in 1895. His wife survives him and makes her home in Canada at the age of eighty-two. To their union were born eight children: James, John, David J., Margaret, Caroline, Katie, Edward and May.

David J. Kean acquired his education in the public schools of Canada which he attended until he was eighteen years of age. He began his independent career as a member of the construction crew of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and this position he held for six months. Afterward he spent a similar period of time in the lumber woods around Duluth, Minnesota, and he went from that city to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where he secured a position in the machine shop. At the end of five years he went to Ashland, this state, and worked for some time as an engineer and machinist, making during this time, the first steam engine ever constructed in Chippewa county. This was one and a half horse power and was used for ten years in the operation of the Cadott Blade, a weekly newspaper. During the period of his residence in Ashland, Mr. Kean also spent one year in the sawmill and when he resigned this position, returned to Canada, where he worked in a machine shop. He afterward held a similar position for one year in Eau Claire and in Cadott spent eight years as machinist and engineer for the spoke and hub company. Eventually he purchased one-half interest in the Cadott Stave & Heading Company and was manager of this concern for three years. The enterprise was destroyed by fire at the end of that time, and the company ceased to exist. Mr. Kean moved to Stanley, where he opened a hard-

ware store, with which he is now connected. He has been very successful in the conduct of this enterprise, his stock being valued at six thousand dollars and his patronage being drawn not only from the city, but from the surrounding country as well. He is a stockholder in the National Life Insurance Company of Oshkosh, the Inter-County Fair Association and he owns valuable property, including a residence and store building in Stanley and forty acres of farming land on section 10, Delmar township.

Mr. Kean married on the 18th of October, 1888, Miss Annie Stockle, a daughter of Theodore and Victoria Stockle, the former a well known engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Kean have two children: Winifred, who married Harold E. Grigerson, assistant cashier in the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Stanley, and Jack, who is associated with his father in the hardware business.

Mr. Kean is connected fraternally with the Order of Beavers and the Equitable Farmers Union. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has held various positions of trust and responsibility, serving for two years as city clerk, for four years as city treasurer and for nine years as a member of the school board. He manifests sterling ability, not only in business connections, but also in all other relations of life and is justly accounted one of the valuable citizens of his community.

JOHN KNAR.

John Knar, proprietor of a large wagon-making and blacksmith shop in Stanley, was born in Fond du Lac county, Ashford township, January 2, 1873. He is a son of Wuenzel and Katherine (Klug) Knar, natives of Bohemia, the former born in 1840 and the latter in 1849. At the age of seventeen the father came to Wisconsin and he followed farming in this state until his death, which occurred in 1901. His wife has also passed away, dying in 1909. To their union were born fifteen children, Jacob, Peter, Joseph, John, Mary, Anna, Theresa, William, Sophia, Johanna, Frances, Irma L., and three who died in infancy.

John Knar acquired his education in the district schools of his native township, attending until he was twelve years of age. He then began working in a blacksmith shop and he learned the trade thoroughly. After seven years he opened a shop of his own in Stanley, where he has since been in business. In 1894 he replaced his original premises by a modern shop thoroughly equipped for the handling of a large trade. His stock and shop are valued at thirty-five hundred dollars and his success in the management of his business places him among the substantial and representative men of the community.

In Edson township, this county, on the 18th of February, 1896, Mr. Knar married Miss Maggie Pinter, a daughter of Peter Pinter and a granddaughter of one of the first settlers in Edson township. Mr. and Mrs. Knar have six children, Irma M., Cecilia, Margaret, Catherine, Marie and John L., all of whom reside at home.

Mr. Knar is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is connected fraternally with the Mystic Workers and the Owls. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and served for two terms as deputy sheriff and for one term as

alderman from the fourth ward. He has never neglected any of the duties of citizenship but his attention is chiefly concentrated upon his business affairs, in which he has met with enviable and well deserved success.

A. N. AMBLE.

A. N. Amble, carrying on general farming and dairying upon a quarter section of land eight miles southwest of Bloomer, was born in Auburn township two miles from his present property in 1870, a son of Nels Olson, a native of Norway. The father came to America in 1861 and settled in Chippewa county where he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-two years of age. He married in Norway, Miss Carine Gunderud and they became the parents of ten children, six of whom survive.

A. N. Amble was reared upon his father's farm in Auburn township and acquired his education in the public schools. After laying aside his books he purchased a quarter section of land eight miles from Bloomer and upon this property has since resided, engaged in general farming and dairying. He has made extensive improvements upon the place, erecting new buildings and adding to its equipment, and he is now in possession of one of the finest farms in his section of the county.

Mr. Amble married Miss Anna Rice and they are the parents of four children: Norman, George, Hilmer and Wilhelm. Mr. Amble is a devout member of the Norwegian Lutheran church which his father assisted in organizing in 1863, and he is a republican in his political beliefs. He is known as a public-spirited citizen as well as a progressive farmer and enjoys a high standing in his native township.

OLE T. HOFF.

Since 1891 Ole T. Hoff of Stanley has been connected with the Northwestern Lumber Company and he has advanced rapidly through various positions until he is today in charge of the retail lumber department. He was born in Norway, March 9, 1863, a son of Thomas T. and Gertrude (Hugdahl) Hoff, also natives of that country, both born in 1831. The mother died in 1910 and is survived by her husband, who makes his home in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. In their family were six children, Thomas, Ole T., Ida, William, Julia and Oscar.

Ole T. Hoff attended public school in Norway until he was fifteen years of age and then worked upon a farm and in a livery stable until he was eighteen. He came to America in 1881 and settled in Menomonie, Wisconsin. His parents came to this country in 1883 and settled in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He afterward moved to Dowsville, where he worked for one year in a sawmill, later going to Eau Claire and continuing in the lumber business there until 1887. He worked at various occupations until 1891 and in that year became connected with the Northwestern Lumber Company as a grader. He has since advanced through

various positions and is today manager of the retail lumber department. He has been very successful in this difficult and responsible position and is accounted one of the most reliable and trustworthy of the company's representatives.

On the 13th of April, 1889, Mr. Hoff married Miss Inga Eggen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Eggen, natives of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Hoff have five children, Thomas G., Olga, Selma, Oscar and Lawrence. Mr. Hoff is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America, is a republican in his political beliefs and a member of the United Lutheran church. His life has been one of well directed activity and intelligent effort, resulting in the attainment of a fair measure of success, and wherever he is known he is honored and respected by reason of his genuine personal worth.

CONRAD GEHRING.

Farming interests of Auburn township find a worthy and progressive representative in Conrad Gehring, who since 1864 has resided in Chippewa county and who has spent his entire active life upon his present farm. He was born in Germany in 1852 and came to the United States in 1864, acquiring his education in the public schools of Chippewa county, where his parents settled. After laying aside his books he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Auburn township, six miles west of Bloomer, and upon this property he has since resided, the years bringing him steadily increasing success and prominence. He cleared the entire tract and erected all of the buildings and the farm today represents the result of many years of well directed energy and constant labor.

In 1879 Mr. Gehring married Miss Annie Fehr, and they have ten children, Annie, Gus, Fred, Lizzie, Joseph, David, Mary, Bertha, Henry and Carl. Mr. Gehring is a member of the German Lutheran church and a republican in his political beliefs. He has for twenty-five years been a member of the school board and is now serving as clerk of that body. He enjoys the respect of all with whom business, social or official relations have brought him into contact and he takes just pride in what has been accomplished in Chippewa county, while at all times he has borne his full share in the work of general improvement.

MATHEW GRUBER.

Mathew Gruber, a popular and valued citizen of Stanley, was born in Germany, February 5, 1874. He is a son of Mathew and Josephine (Hulstead) Gruber, also natives of Germany, the former born in 1843 and the latter in 1848. They came to Wisconsin in 1885 and here the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1905. His wife survives him and makes her home at Stanley. To their union were born eighteen children, eleven of whom are still living: Lena, May, Antone, John, Mathew, Josephine, Annie, Frank, Theresa, Susie and Hanna.

Mathew Gruber attended public school in Germany until he was eleven years of age and then came to America, settling in Wisconsin in 1885. He pursued his education in this state for one year thereafter and then began working on a railroad and in the lumber woods. He was foreman of a section gang for seven years, resigning this position in 1900, when he opened a saloon in Stanley. In 1906 he built the opera house in that city and this enterprise he still conducts, being known as a farsighted and capable business man who has met with gratifying and deserved success.

At Thorp, on the 13th of November, 1896, Mr. Gruber was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Ramer, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ramer, the former a well known farmer of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Gruber have become the parents of seven children, Ella, Michael, Reinhardt, Francesca, Florence, Alfred and Adeline.

Mr. Gruber is a stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Stanley and has valuable property interests there, owning in addition to the business above mentioned a valuable tract of land adjoining his theater. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church, is connected with the Catholic Order of Foresters and votes independently, supporting men and measures rather than parties. He has many friends in Stanley and his ability is recognized and respected in business circles.

GEORGE FINSTAD.

George Finstad, owner of the Prairie View farm in Bloomer township, a fine property of one hundred and twenty acres lying two and a half miles southeast of Bloomer, was born in Norway in 1857. He is a son of Jens E. Finstad, who emigrated to America and settled in Wisconsin, where he passed away when he was past sixty-five years of age. He married in Norway and his wife died when the subject of this review was thirteen years of age.

At the age of fifteen George Finstad accompanied his father to America, completing an education begun in Norway in the public schools of Eagle Prairie. After laying aside his books he turned his attention to work in the sawmills and was first in the employ of Pete Johnson and later in that of Stanley Brothers for two years. He worked for one summer in the Badger Mills and later in the sawmill in Chippewa Falls. For thirteen summers he continued thus, spending his winters in the pine woods, and at the end of that time he married and began working on his father-in-law's farm. While thus engaged he purchased his present property in Bloomer township and here he has steadily carried forward the work of improvement, fencing the fields and erecting a comfortable residence, barns and outbuildings. He has neglected nothing which would add to the attractiveness of the place and by his careful supervision and practical management has made Prairie View farm one of the valuable properties of this locality.

Mr. Finstad married Miss Lena Larson, and they became the parents of four children: Minnie, who has passed away; Minnie, the second of the name, who married Jake Scritsmier and lives in Chicago; Jalmer; and Alma. Mr. Finstad is a member of the Lutheran church and is connected fraternally with the Modern

Woodmen of America. He is a republican in his political beliefs and for the past ten or twelve years has served as school treasurer. He is not only able, industrious and enterprising but is also a man of high moral character and is greatly esteemed both as a farmer and a business man in his township.

ANDREW P. LIEN, D. V. S.

Although quite a young man Dr. Andrew P. Lien already enjoys an extensive practice as a veterinary surgeon in Stanley, where he located in 1912 after his graduation from the Chicago Veterinary College. He was born at Hanley Falls, Minnesota, January 9, 1888, and is a son of Peter and Giniah (Faldt) Lien, the former born in Norway in 1855 and the latter also a native of that country, born in 1871. The father is a farmer by occupation and at the age of twenty-seven came from his native country to America. He first settled in Minnesota but is now a resident of Stanley. He and his wife became the parents of four children: Minnie M., who is employed in a store in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Andrew P., of this review; Mary H., who fills a position as bookkeeper; and Samuel, assistant cashier in the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Stanley.

Andrew P. Lien was educated in the public schools and subsequently attended the Chicago Veterinary College, from which he graduated in 1912. He then opened an office in Stanley and his business has since grown rapidly. He is young, enthusiastic and popular. Religiously he is connected with the United Lutheran church, fraternally with the Masons and the I. S. W. A., and politically with the republican party. Not only is he a doctor of animals but also a lover of animals, as every man in his position should be. He is particularly fond of horses and can often be seen driving or riding in the neighborhood. Dr. Lien has made an auspicious beginning toward a successful career and it may be safely prophesied that the future will bring him all that he may desire in life.

W. B. SVETLIK.

W. B. Svetlik, the efficient and capable manager of the Svetlik Milling Company, of Cadott, was born in Manitowoc county, this state, September 23, 1883. He is a son of Jacob and Anna (Shuber) Svetlik, natives of Bohemia, the former born in 1846 and the latter in 1850. The father was engaged in farming in Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, and Jackson county, Minnesota, for many years and was principal stockholder of a flourmill in Cadott. He retired from active life in 1913. His wife has passed away, her death having occurred in 1907. To their union were born nine children: Joseph, Mary, Frank, Anna, W. B., Fred G., Henry, Rose and Julia.

W. B. Svetlik acquired his education in the public schools of Jackson, Minnesota, which he attended until he was eighteen years of age. He afterward worked upon the farm for about two years, but at the end of that time turned his attention to the flour milling business, with which he has been identified for

the past ten years. He is a stockholder, director and manager of the Svetlik Milling Company and under his direction this has become a large and flourishing enterprise and an important addition to the industrial resources of the section.

Mr. Svetlik is a member of the St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic church of Cadott and is connected fraternally with the Catholic Order of Foresters. He is independent in his political beliefs and interested in public affairs, although never active as an office seeker. A young man of business ability, enterprise and energy, he has already gained an enviable position in business circles and his continued advancement is assured.

H. O. RICE.

Auburn township numbers among its most progressive and successful agriculturists H. O. Rice, who for the past twenty-six years has lived upon his farm of eighty-eight acres nine miles southwest of Bloomer. He was born in Norway on the 1st of October, 1855, and is a son of Ole Rice who came to the United States about 1899 and died in Barron county, this state, when he was seventy-six years of age. He married Miss Ella Hanson and they became the parents of five children.

H. O. Rice was reared in his parents' home in Norway, and acquired his education in the public schools of that country. After laying aside his books he worked at tailoring until he was twenty-one and then joined the army, remaining for two years. At the end of that time he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, working upon a farm in Norway until he came to the United States in 1880. He settled immediately in Chippewa county, and for seven years thereafter worked on farms and in the woods. In 1887 he purchased land of his own, buying the eighty-eight acres in Auburn township whereon he has since resided. During the intervening years he has erected all of the buildings upon the place and made other substantial improvements, his farm being today one of the finest and best equipped in his section of the county.

Mr. Rice's wife was in her maidenhood Miss Mary Hanson. Mr. Rice gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a devout member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. Having resided in Auburn township for the past thirty-three years he has become well known there and his genuine personal worth has greatly endeared him to many friends.

WILLIAM T. HOFF.

William T. Hoff is manager of the mill room for the Northwestern Lumber Company at Stanley and is well qualified for the responsible duties which devolve upon him in this connection. He is one of the worthy sons that Norway has furnished to this county, his birth having occurred in that country on the 6th of March, 1868. His parents were Thomas T. and Gertrude (Hugdahl) Hoff, both natives of Norway and born in the year 1831. The father is now a resident of

Eau Claire, but the mother passed away in 1910. In their family were six children: Thomas, Ole, Ida, William, Julia and Oscar.

The public schools of Norway afforded William T. Hoff his educational privileges. He pursued his studies to the age of fifteen years and then came to America in company with his parents, going first to Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He was employed in a planing mill in Eau Claire until 1893 and then entered the service of the Northwestern Lumber Company as assistant foreman. Since 1908 he has been foreman of the mill room at Stanley and has made a creditable record in that connection. He has worked his way steadily upward since starting out in the business world at the age of fifteen years and is now one of the well known mill men of his section.

Mr. Hoff was married to Miss Martha L. Larson, a daughter of Lars Solomon, a salesman who was murdered by a highwayman while going by boat from one town to another. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Brita Torger-son, has also passed away. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hoff was celebrated at Eau Claire on the 21st of November, 1892, and unto them have been born seven children: Thomas G., Eliza B., Edna L., Guy L., Helen M., Walton M. and Reuben L. The family occupy a pleasant residence which Mr. Hoff owns and which is the visible evidence of his life of well directed energy and thrift.

Mr. Hoff is a member of the Modern Woodmen camp and also of the I. S. W. A. His political support is given to the republican party but he does not seek nor hold office. He belongs to the Lutheran church and at the time of the erection of the house of worship was a member of both the building and finance committees. He is interested in all that pertains to the moral development of the community as well as to its material progress. His life has been a busy, active and useful one and the years have brought him success which is well merited.

GUSTAVE E. RHEINGANS.

Gustave E. Rheingans is residing upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, situated on the outskirts of Eagleton, and is devoting his time and energies to the further development and improvement of the land, which is now under a high state of cultivation. He was born upon this place in 1890, and is a son of Jacob Rheingans, a native of Germany, who was brought to the United States when a young lad. In his youth and early manhood he was employed at various places. He was largely reared in Washington county, Wisconsin, and worked on the Chippewa and Mississippi rivers at rafting and at other labor. Later, however, he came to Chippewa county and settled upon the present homestead farm, which he began to develop and improve, his labors bringing about a notable change in the appearance of the place. He erected a comfortable home and substantial outbuildings and he cleared the entire farm, which was covered with brush and timber when he took possession of it. He was one of the first settlers in the section of the county in which the homestead is located and he resided upon his farm there until death called him in 1909, when he was sixty-eight years of age. It was while a resident of Washington county that he was mar-

ried there to Miss Elizabeth Koenig, who still survives and makes her home with her son Gust. They were the parents of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, namely: Valentine, George, John, Henry, Fred, Gustave, Carl, Mrs. Mary Small, Mrs. Bertha Steinmetz and Mrs. Annie Heidke.

Like most boys, Gustave E. Rheingans attended the public schools in pursuance of his purpose of acquiring an education. After he had mastered the various branches of learning therein taught, he put aside his text-books in order to give his entire attention to farm work. He had early become familiar with the best methods of preparing the soil and caring for the crops and he and his brother Carl now operate the home place, which his mother still owns. The land has been brought to a high state of cultivation and the farm presents a neat and attractive appearance, indicating the enterprising and progressive methods of the brothers who are in charge.

In politics Gustave E. Rheingans is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office have little attraction for him. He holds membership with the A. S. of E. and he also belongs to the German Lutheran church. He has never known any other home than the farm upon which he resides and he is therefore greatly attached to the place through the associations of his boyhood as well as those of later years.

GEORGE H. CHAPMAN.

Wisconsin has long been one of the chief centers of the lumber trade of America, and industrial activity in Stanley has to do largely with this branch of business. The North Western Lumber Company is one of the chief industries at that point, and in control of active work there are many men thoroughly acquainted with the lumber business in all of its different phases, and splendidly qualified to engage in the work which claims their attention and energy. Among this number is George H. Chapman, wide-awake, alert and energetic, capably filling his position as general manager for the North Western Lumber Company at Stanley. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, January 30, 1867. His father, George H. Chapman, Sr., was a native of the state of New York. He devoted his life to the practice of law and passed away in 1882. In early manhood he married Hannah Gilman, who was born in Ohio in 1846, and, surviving him for three decades, died in 1912. In their family were six children: Pauline, George H., Lawrence G., Morris, Page and Victor.

The eldest son, George H. Chapman, was educated in a private school of Indianapolis and in the Rose Polytechnic Institute of Terre Haute, from which he was graduated in 1888. For six months he worked for the Jenny Electrical Company and then entered the employ of the North Western Lumber Company, with which he has been connected since 1889. He has held various positions with the corporation, doing both inside and outside work. Step by step he has advanced and thus gradually working his way upward, he has reached a position of prominence and one which indicates his capability and fidelity. He has been general manager of the Stanley plant since 1903, and thus has control over an important industry, each part of which he carefully supervises. His long and varied

experience well qualifies him for the undertaking and his position as a business man is an enviable one. Mr. Chapman is now one of the stockholders and the second vice president of the North Western Lumber Company. His keen intellect has been sought in other connections and he is now secretary and one of the stockholders of the Linderman Box and Veneer Company of Eau Claire and treasurer and stockholder in the Below Lumber Company of Marshfield, Wisconsin. A greater part of his time and attention, however, is devoted to the interests of the North Western Lumber Company and he is a most energetic young man, meeting with substantial success, as a result of his intelligently directed labors.

On the 30th of August, 1898, Mr. Chapman was united in marriage to Miss Harriet S. Hubbard, the wedding being celebrated at Eau Claire and the marriage has been blessed with two children, Victor James and Harriet Mary.

Mr. Chapman holds membership with the Royal Arcanum and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and gives his political support to the republican party. He is a member of the library board of Stanley, and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of the town. He is actuated in all that he does by a public spirit that is manifest in many tangible ways for the general good and in all of his business affairs he has labored along the lines which promote public prosperity as well as individual success.

JOHN CHRISTIANSON.

Chippewa county is indebted in large measure to Norway for a goodly percentage of her enterprising citizens, which number includes John Christianson, who is actively and successfully engaged in farming on a tract of land of two hundred and forty acres in Auburn township, about ten miles northwest of Bloomer. He was born in the land of the midnight sun about fifty-eight years ago, his father being Christian Olson, who came to the United States in 1880 and made his way to Chippewa county, where he followed farming. He continued his residence in this county throughout his remaining days and reached the venerable age of eighty years, passing away in 1899. He was married twice, but lost his first wife in Norway, before his emigration to the new world.

John Christianson was educated in the schools of Norway and afterward learned the mason's trade, becoming a good workman in that branch of business. Favorable reports reached him concerning the new world and the opportunities there offered in a business way, and at the age of twenty-six he completed his arrangements to come to the United States. Making his way across the Atlantic, he continued his journey overland to Wisconsin. He worked for thirty years in Chippewa county as a stone mason in addition to farming. In 1855 he made his way to his present place of residence and has cleared most of a tract of land of two hundred and forty acres, cutting away the trees and brush and transforming the wild district into highly cultivated fields. He follows diversified farming, raising the various crops best adapted to climatic conditions and to the soil. He also conducts a good dairy business, keeping a number of high-grade cows for this purpose. He has erected all of the buildings upon his place and has a well improved property, which is indicative of his progressive spirit and enterprising methods.

Mr. Christianson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Larson and they became the parents of nine children, who are yet living, namely: Carl, Oscar, Ole, Sam, Gus, Lowe, Manville, Peter and Theodore. They also lost one son, Arthur, who was the sixth in order of birth.

Mr. Christianson's study of the political conditions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the republican party. He is guided in his life by a firm religious faith that is manifest in his membership in the Norwegian church. He has always endeavored to live peaceably with his fellowmen, to deal righteously with all, and in following the golden rule, he has won the high respect and unqualified confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

FATHER JOHN G. LAURER.

Father John G. Laurer is pastor of St. Paul's Catholic church of Bloomer, in which connection he has marked influence over the moral progress of the community, especially among his parishioners, who entertain for him the highest regard and respect. He was born in Bavaria in the 10th of September, 1861, and after attending the common schools continued his education in a classical course at Passau and Straubing, Bavaria. He came to America in young manhood, arriving in this country in December, 1882, after which he studied in St. Vincent's College of Pennsylvania and in St. Francis Seminary of Milwaukee. He was ordained on the 24th of June, 1887, and having taken Holy Orders was assigned to duty as priest of St. Mary's church in Monroe county, Wisconsin. He afterward served the church at Keyesville, Richland county, and at Plain, Sauk county, and was stationed at Mosinee, Marathon county, before coming to Bloomer, being transferred to the latter charge on the 5th of January, 1910. He there has a congregation of two hundred and thirty families, including St. Catherine's congregation in Brush Prairie, four miles from Bloomer. The work has been well organized under the direction of Father Laurer and he expects soon to erect a house for the sisters and also a new schoolhouse. He has inspired his parishioners with much of his own zeal and interest in the work and he is a popular priest, greatly esteemed by those who are under his moral guidance.

ROBERT A. LA BLANC.

Mercantile interests of Stanley find a progressive and worthy representative in Robert A. La Blanc, who since 1908 has conducted a grocery and confectionery store in the town. He was born in Canada, July 18, 1867, and is a son of Alexander and Margaret (Nellis) La Blanc, also natives of the Dominion, the former born in 1833 and the latter in 1839. The father still makes his home in Canada where he conducts a small grocery store. He and his wife became the parents of nine children: Philip, Robert A. and Ellen; Margaret, who died in infancy; Elizabeth A.; Joseph, who passed away in 1911; Bridget, Stephen and Ernest.

Robert A. La Blanc attended school in Canada until he was fourteen years of age and afterward worked upon a farm until he was twenty-five. At that time he came to the United States, settling in Eau Claire, this state, where he worked at logging in the woods and on the rivers until 1899. In that year he moved into Stanley and opened a saloon which after conducting successfully for nine years he sold, establishing himself in the grocery and confectionery business in which he has since remained. He handles only high class goods and has built up a large and representative patronage which is steadily increasing as his straightforward business methods and honorable standards become more widely known. Mr. La Blanc is a stockholder in the Farmers and Merchants State Bank and his wife owns a store building and two residences in Stanley.

On the 24th of November, 1912, in Stanley, Mr. La Blanc married Mrs. Lucy Knor, a daughter of John Laner. She has one child by her former marriage, a daughter, Mary. Mr. La Blanc gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and he is a member of the Roman Catholic church. By his own industry, enterprise and well directed efforts he has worked his way upward to success and he occupies a prominent place in business circles of Stanley, holding the esteem and confidence of all who are in any way associated with him.

ARTHUR A. MYERS.

Arthur A. Myers is vice president of the Miller-Myers Implement Company at Stanley, where he has lived since 1904. Through the intervening period of nine years he has been connected with the business in which he is now engaged, and his trade methods are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. He was born at Eau Galle, Wisconsin, January 26, 1878, and is a son of Tinkey C., and Dorcas (Seger) Myers. The father, a native of Indiana, was born in 1846, while the mother's birth occurred in the state of New York in 1847. He made farming his life work, but is now living retired at Eau Galle, where he has lived since 1901. Unto this marriage were born five children: Joseph; Arthur; and Lettie, and two who died in early life. The elder son married Miss Mate Joiner and they have one child. Their home is upon a farm near Eau Galle.

In the public schools, Arthur A. Myers pursued his education until he reached the age of sixteen years, after which he devoted a year and a half to the profession of teaching. He then returned to his father's farm which he assisted in cultivating and improving for two years, at the end of which time he invested his earnings in one hundred and twenty acres of land. He farmed that tract for two years and then sold the property, after which he came to Stanley in 1904. There he bought a third interest in the implement and vehicle business of which he is now vice president. He has thoroughly studied the conditions of the trade and the wishes of his patrons, and by honorable business methods and unfaltering enterprise, is building up a business which enjoys extensive and gratifying prosperity.

On the 20th of February, 1902, Mr. Myers was married to Miss Ella Miller, a daughter of F. O. Miller, of Stanley, who is president of the Miller-Myers

Implement Company. To them have been born three children: Zeona, Loma and La Moine. The family occupies a pleasant home which Mr. Myers owns.

He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America. Progress and enterprise actuate him in all that he does and he is recognized as one of the leading young business men of Stanley, held in high esteem by all with whom he has come in contact.

IVER CHRISTIANSON.

Iver Christianson has lived in Chippewa county since 1881 and is now classed with representative and successful agriculturists of this locality, owning and operating a fine farm of one hundred and thirteen and a half acres, nine miles southwest of Bloomer. He was born in Norway in September, 1843, and acquired his education in the public schools of that country. After laying aside his books he worked as a stone mason under his father until 1881 when he emigrated to America. He came directly to Chippewa county and began working at his trade, following this in various localities for several years. He afterward purchased land in Auburn township and this he still owns, his farm comprising one hundred and thirteen acres. It was in an unimproved condition when it came into his possession but he cleared it of the timber and erected the necessary buildings, making it finally a valuable and productive property. He is now living practically retired but still gives personal supervision to the management of his farm.

Mr. Christianson married in Norway, Miss Randi Marie Halvarson who died in 1911. They had six children: Carrie; Anna, who has passed away; Anna, second of the name, also deceased; Mila, deceased; Hartwill and Ida. Mr. Christianson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. The many years of his residence in this locality have brought him the esteem and confidence of all who are associated with him and he is widely known as a practical farmer and a progressive citizen.

J. E. LING.

For fourteen years J. E. Ling has lived upon his present farm and by his practical and well directed efforts has made it one of the attractive and productive properties in his locality. The farm lies in Sampson township, eight miles north of Bloomer and comprises one hundred and sixty acres of choice land. Mr. Ling was born in Burnett county, in 1876, and is a son of Andrew and Carolina (Bergdahl) Ling, the former a native of Sweden who came to the United States in 1869. He located immediately in Burnett county, this state, where he followed farming. His death occurred in July, 1909, when he was sixty-five years of age. He and his wife became the parents of five children: C. A., E. A., Martin, J. E. and Philip B.

J. E. Ling acquired his education in public schools in Burnett county and in Iowa and after laying aside his books followed farming in the latter state for a

number of years. Eventually he returned to Wisconsin and settled in Chippewa county where he has since resided. Fourteen years ago he purchased his present farm and has steadily carried forward the work of improvement and development since that time, clearing the property and erecting upon it substantial buildings. Mr. Ling engages in general farming and dairying and his well directed labors have been rewarded by a gratifying measure of success.

Mr. Ling is a member of the Order of Beavers and is a republican in his political beliefs. For two years he served as chairman of his township, for one year as assessor, two years as town treasurer, and he is now rendering excellent service as township clerk. In whatever relation of life he is found, he is always capable, reliable and energetic and he holds the respect and confidence of all who are in any way associated with him.

CHARLES A. HENDRICKSON.

Charles A. Hendrickson, whose demise occurred in Holcombe township on the 15th of May, 1907, was for a number of years actively and successfully identified with agricultural interests in Chippewa county, owning and operating a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 20, township 31, range 6. He was born in Norway on the 16th of April, 1864, and emigrated to the United States in early manhood. About thirty years ago he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Holcombe township, Chippewa county, Wisconsin, and throughout the remainder of his life devoted his attention to its cultivation and improvement, erecting thereon a commodious and substantial residence and barn. He won a gratifying measure of prosperity in his undertakings as an agriculturist, and in his passing the community lost one of its substantial and respected citizens. His widow and children still reside upon and operate the home farm.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Hendrickson chose Miss Jennie Sather, who is a native of the United States and by whom he had five children, as follows: Jessie, the wife of Dr. E. R. Benson, of Superior, Wisconsin; Allen C., Carrol F., Henry and Alice, all at home. Mrs. Hendrickson is well and favorably known throughout the community, the circle of her friends being almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintances.

JOHN J. NICHOLSON.

John J. Nicholson, proprietor of the Stanley House, one of the first road-houses of Chippewa county, was born in Canada, March 6, 1861. He is a son of John and Sarah (Watson) Nicholson, the former born in 1810 and the latter in Ireland in 1819. The father engaged in farming during all his active life, dying in 1881. His wife survived him several years, her death occurring in 1889. They became the parents of six children, Edward, George, John J., Louisa, Henry and one who died in infancy.

John J. Nicholson attended school a few weeks every winter until he was twelve years of age and then laid aside his books, working on farms and on the river, driving logs until 1896. In that year he moved to Stanley and purchased the Stanley Hotel, of which he has since been the proprietor. The present building replaced the original edifice which was destroyed by fire several years ago and the hotel is one of the first roadhouses in Chippewa county, situated on the main road running north and south. Under Mr. Nicholson's able management its business has increased greatly and it has an enviable reputation as a convenient, comfortable and thoroughly equipped hostelry.

Mr. Nicholson is a member of the Roman Catholic church and a republican in his political beliefs. He is affiliated with the Order of Owls and is a stockholder in the Inter-County Fair Association of Stanley. An expert judge and a keen lover of horses, he has taken a great delight in acquiring a number of valuable animals and he spends a great deal of time in his stables. He is a representative, progressive and public-spirited citizen and his success in business is well deserved as it is largely the result of his energy, industry and enterprise.

LOUIS I. ROE.

Louis I. Roe, a representative and progressive citizen of Stanley, has made his home in the city since 1892, and during the intervening years has left the impress of his ability and personality upon business and political development. He is well known in mercantile circles as president of the L. I. Roe Company, general merchants and he has other important and profitable connections. He was born in Norway, August 8, 1860, and is a son of Ingbregt and Bridt (Bronstad) Roe, also natives of that country, the father born in 1807 and the mother in 1827 in Surendalen near Trondhjem. Both have passed away, the father dying in 1883 and the mother in 1902. Ingbregt Roe was twice married, his first wife being Miss Maret Fiske, who died in 1854. To this union were born six children: Ole, John; Maret; Ingbrigt and two who died in infancy. By his second wife, Ingbregt Roe had the following children: Einer; Louis I., of this review; Ole; Maret; and two who died in infancy.

Louis I. Roe acquired his education in the public schools of Norway, pursuing his studies during the winter months and working as a cattle herder during the summers. Eventually he removed to the city of Christiansund where he worked in a general store for four years. At the end of that time he emigrated to America and in 1880 settled in the vicinity of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where he worked upon a farm for one summer. In the spring of 1881 he became connected with the Northwestern Lumber Company as a clerk in their store at Porters Mills, and he retained this connection for thirteen years. At the end of that time he moved to Stanley, where for almost twenty-two years he acted as manager of a large store. On the first of January, 1913, he resigned this position and organized the L. I. Roe Company, with a capital stock of thirty thousand dollars, and with the following officers: L. I. Roe, president; Ole Roe, vice president; and Edwin Roe, secretary and treasurer. The company own a large general store and also a two

hundred and forty acre farm near Stanley on sections 23 and 24, township 29, range 5 west.

Much of the credit for the rapid development of the business is due to the energy and ability of Louis Roe, who has devoted a great deal of time to the upbuilding of the concern, and who has directed its policy along progressive and modern lines. He is now a stockholder and a director of the Citizens State Bank of Stanley. He is also vice president and stockholder of the Junction City State Bank at Junction City, and president of the Cameron Bank of Cameron, and stockholder and director of the Ingram State Bank at Ingram, and his influence is felt as a progressive force in the financial development of this section of the state.

On the 31st of December, 1883, Mr. Roe married Miss Ellen Haagensen, a daughter of Haagen Harrang and Berret Krangnes, the former a store owner and farmer in Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Roe have become the parents of eleven children: Imbert, who is cashier of the Citizens State Bank at Stanley, married Miss Caroline Johnson and they have become the parents of two children. Herman is a printer on a weekly newspaper at Northfield, Minnesota. He and his wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Anna Kirkeley, are the parents of one child. Bertha M. married Dr. H. C. Erickson of Stanley. The other children born to Mr. and Mrs. Roe are: Edwin B., Ludwig L., Norman O., Bernhard O., Edna L., Signe, Borghild, and Sigfrid A.

Mr. Roe is trustee of the National United Lutheran church of America and a member of the United Lutheran church of Stanley. He is a republican in his political beliefs and active in public affairs, serving as president of the Stanley Progressive League and of the Luther Hospital at Eau Claire. Although he has attained prominence and success in business, his interests have extended to many fields, notably that of public life. From 1900 to 1904, and from 1908 to 1910, he served as mayor of Stanley and during his administration the city hall, library and waterworks were erected; a park was laid out, a cemetery completed and a sewer system installed.

Mr. Roe was a member of the school board from 1892 to 1898, and has been for several terms a member of the county board of supervisors. His influence is always on the side of reform and advancement, and throughout the eastern part of Chippewa county he is held in the high esteem which his ability and energy so richly deserve.

THOMAS KING.

Thomas King, who passed away on the 21st of July, 1908, was one of the early settlers and prosperous agriculturists of Chippewa county, carrying on farming on section 32, township 32, range 7. He was born on May 7, 1835, in Canada, and spent his boyhood near Detroit, Michigan. In company with his brother Archibald he came to Chippewa county, Wisconsin, here working as a farm hand and also in the lumber woods. About 1868 they purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land which had been homesteaded by the previous owner but was only slightly improved. Subsequently they sold out to Thomas Kelly and then went west, but Thomas King soon afterward returned to Chippewa county and repur-



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS KING

chased the farm from Mr. Kelly, spending the remainder of his life within its boundaries. He made extensive improvements on his farm, cleared about one hundred acres thereof and erected a substantial frame residence—the third house which stood on the property. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he won a well merited measure of prosperity, following modern and effective methods of farming. His widow still resides on the farm with her son William, who operates the place, carrying on general agricultural pursuits with excellent success. The family own about two hundred and seventy-one acres of land and reside in an attractive and well appointed home.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. King chose Miss Eliza Ann Kelly, a native of Canada and a daughter of James and Anna Jane (Murray) Kelly, who were also natives of the Dominion. Mrs. Anna Jane (Murray) Kelly died August 9, 1861, and on January 7, 1862, Mr. Kelly married Miss Ann Foster. The Kelly family came from the Dominion to Chippewa county in 1865, when Eliza Ann Kelly was ten years of age. The father of Mrs. King, Mr. James Kelly, for a long time a resident of Chippewa county, has passed away, his death occurring July 18, 1894. Unto Mr. and Mrs. King were born six children, as follows: John Edward, who makes his home at Estella, this county; James, who died at the age of five years; Mary, the wife of Richard Behnke, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Ethel, who is a trained nurse at Oshkosh, Wisconsin; William, at home; and Maud, who gave her hand in marriage to Walter Gilbert, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

In politics Mr. King was a staunch republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls. He was for several years clerk of the school board and for a long time served as township treasurer. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist and helped to organize the church of that denomination at Keystone, three miles south of his farm. Not only was he one of the organizers of the institution but continued his interest in its welfare, serving as trustee and deacon. He ever enjoyed in the fullest degree the respect and confidence of his fellowmen and his worth as a man and citizen was widely acknowledged. His widow has been a resident of this county for almost a half century and is widely and favorably known here.

JOHN E. PRINCE.

Through well directed business activity and enterprise John E. Prince has gained recognition as one of the prosperous farmers and extensive landowners of Chippewa county. He owns a highly improved tract of land in Auburn township, comprising three hundred and sixty acres, and also four hundred acres at Cornell lake. His home farm he has developed and improved for a number of years and his labors have not only contributed to his own prosperity but have proven effective forces in advancing the general welfare. He was born in this county, on the old Prince homestead, and is a son of A. P. Prince, a pioneer in this part of Wisconsin. The father was born in Ontario, Canada, and came to the United States as a young man, settling in Chippewa Falls in early times.

He married Miss Sarah Corrigan, and they became the parents of ten children, two of whom have passed away.

John E. Prince acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books turned his attention to farming, working upon the homestead until he was thirty-three years of age. He then purchased three hundred and sixty acres in Auburn township, ten miles southwest of Bloomer, and here he has since engaged in general farming and dairying, his well directed labors being rewarded by a substantial degree of success. He owns also four hundred acres at Cornell lake and is accounted one of the large landowners in this locality.

Mr. Prince married Miss Mary Eder, and they have become the parents of four children, Roy, Vernon, Leon and Gilbert. Mr. Prince is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is independent in his political views. He is interested in the growth and welfare of his community and as the years have gone by has won for himself a creditable position as a valued citizen and business man.

RICHARD NESS.

Richard Ness has been connected with the Northwestern Lumber Company since 1881, and since that time has risen through successive stages of progress and advancement to the responsible position of shipping clerk. He also owns a large grocery store in the city and has made this enterprise one of the important mercantile concerns in Stanley. He was born in Norway, January 7, 1867, and is a son of Nels and Johanna (Stevenson) Rasmusen, also natives of that country, the former born in 1834 and the latter in 1843. The father was a farmer by occupation, following this line of work until his death in 1912. His wife has also passed away, her death having occurred in 1907. To their union were born eleven children: Anna, deceased; Richard; Alfred, Julius, Olf M., and Augusta, all of whom have passed away; Julia, Augusta, the second of the name; Olf and Carl, deceased; and Evelyn.

Richard Ness attended public school in Norway until he was fourteen years of age, and after laying aside his books worked upon his father's farm until he was twenty. In 1887 he emigrated to America and settled in Eau Claire, whence he went to Porters Mills, where he entered the employ of the Northwestern Lumber Company as a laborer. Since that time his energy and ability have gained him many promotions, and in 1893 he was advanced to the position of shipping clerk, a capacity in which he has since discharged his duties creditably and ably. He is one of the best known employes of the corporation and enjoys the esteem and respect of his superiors and associates. In addition to his connection with the Northwestern Lumber Company, Mr. Ness is also the proprietor of a grocery and confectionery store on east First street. He has a stock valued at fifteen hundred dollars and controls an important and growing patronage.

In 1894 Mr. Ness made a journey to Norway, and on the 24th of July of that year married Miss Karen Mosted, a daughter of Hans and Lina (Olsen) Mosted, the former a manufacturer of wooden ware and also a cleaner and dyer. Mr.

and Mrs. Ness are the parents of eight children: Jennie L., Hannah M., Rudolph, Sophia, Martha, George, Rorgheld, and Esther C.

Mr. Ness is a member of the United Lutheran church and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and the I. S. W. A. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and he did able work for six years as a member of the school board. Prosperous in his business connections, he proves what may be accomplished by determined and persistent labor. Starting without capital, he has worked his way steadily upward, improving every opportunity, and utilizing every chance that would lead to honorable advancement.

P. B. LING.

P. B. Ling, the efficient and capable supervisor of the Deaf and Dumb School at Delavan, was born in Burnett county in 1877, a son of Andrew and Carolina (Bergdahl) Ling. The father was a native of Sweden and came to the United States in 1869, locating immediately in Burnett county, this state, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died in July, 1909, when he was sixty-five years of age. In his family were five children: C. A., E. A., Martin, J. E., and P. B., of this review.

In the acquirement of an education Mr. Ling attended public school, first in Burnett county and later in Iowa. In the latter state he afterwards turned his attention to farming, continuing to develop his holdings there until he returned to Wisconsin. He settled in Chippewa county where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of farming land and property in North Auburn. The farm is now being operated by his brothers and the town property is rented, for seven years ago Mr. Ling was appointed supervisor of the Deaf and Dumb School at Delavan and has since given all of his attention to the conscientious discharge of his responsible duties.

Fraternally Mr. Ling is identified with the Order of Beavers and the Knights of Pythias and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is a representative and progressive citizen and his work in his present official capacity reflects credit upon both his energy and his public spirit.

PAULUS PETERSON.

Among the prominent business men of Stanley is numbered Paulus Peterson, closely connected with important mercantile interests as a member of the Peterson & Aasgaard Company, general merchants. He was born in Norway, January 13, 1877, and is a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Ivorson) Christenson, also natives of that country, the former born in 1833 and the latter in 1830. The father was a fireman and policeman for many years in his native country and died there in 1897. His wife survived him some years, her death occurring in 1905.

Paulus Peterson acquired his education in the public schools of Norway and at the age of fifteen laid aside his books, securing a position as clerk in a store.

After one year he emigrated to America and in 1892 settled in Pennsylvania, where he remained for four years. At the end of that time he moved to Stanley and after spending three years in the tannery became a clerk in a general store there. This position he held for nine years and a half and at the end of that time formed a partnership with Carsten Olson in the conduct of an independent enterprise. After the death of Mr. Olson, Mr. Peterson took as a partner K. Aasgaard and the business is now operated under the name of Peterson & Aasgaard. The stock is valued at eight thousand dollars and the enterprise is a profitable and well managed one, reflecting great credit upon the energy and ability of the man who founded it and built it up.

In Stanley, on the 21st of May, 1898, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Julia Ness, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Rasmusen Ness, the former a farmer who died in Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have three children, Peter N., Bjarne J., and Hjalmar O. Mr. Peterson is a trustee of the United Lutheran church and a republican in his political beliefs. He is one of the most popular merchants of Stanley and is well known as a reliable, trustworthy and enterprising business man.

FRED ERNATINGER.

Farming claims the time and attention of Fred Ernatinger, who occupies a place of one hundred and twenty acres eight miles southeast of Bloomer. He is one of the pioneers of the county, having been born here in 1847. Two-thirds of a century have since elapsed, in which time marvelous changes have occurred as the indications of pioneer life have been replaced by the evidences of a modern and progressive civilization. His father, James Ernatinger, was a native of Canada and on crossing the border into the United States made his way to Wisconsin, locating near Jim Falls, where he engaged in Indian trading and in logging. He was one of the first settlers of the county and was closely identified with its early development as well as later progress. He continued to engage in logging until his death, which occurred when he had reached an advanced age. It was after coming to Chippewa county that he married a Miss Cadott, who belonged to the family for whom the town of Cadott was named. They, too, were pioneer residents of the county.

Fred Ernatinger was the youngest of a large family and, like his brothers and sisters, he was a pupil in the county schools. The experiences of his youth were those which usually fall to the farm lad who is reared upon the frontier. He can remember a period when the log cabin was no uncommon sight in the county, when there were great stretches of timber land from which the trees had not yet been cut and when considerable wild game was to be found in the forests. When his school days were over he sought employment in the neighborhood and worked at various places, but after the death of his brother he came to the farm upon which he now lives to take care of his mother and has since made his home on that place. He had three brothers in the army and one half-brother, and the family has always been noted for loyalty and public spirit. Fred Ernatinger is now the oldest settler in his section of the county. His mother located upon the

farm in 1861, at which time the place was all covered with brush. Mr. Ernatinger has cleared the entire tract himself and has put up all of the buildings upon the place. His has been a useful, active and busy life in which he has accomplished a substantial measure of success. He carries on general farming, cultivating the crops best adapted to soil and climate, and his energy, perseverance and capable management have constituted the basis upon which he has builded his prosperity.

Mr. Ernatinger was united in marriage to Miss Mary Rose, and they became the parents of six children: Isaac, William, Charles, Annie, James and Sophie. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Ernatinger has voted with the republican party and has firm belief in the principles that constitute its platform. He has, however, never sought office, preferring always to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He is one of the well known citizens of the county and no history of pioneer times would be complete without mention of him.

BERNHARD PETERSON.

Bernhard Peterson who engages in general farming and dairying in Auburn township, and who is numbered among the substantial agriculturists of his locality was born in Norway in 1868. He is a son of Andrew who married Isabel Anderson, the former a native of Sweden who came to the United States in 1883 and settled in Chippewa county where he died in 1896. He and his wife became the parents of five children.

Bernhard Peterson acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and accompanied his parents to America in 1883. Upon his arrival in Chippewa county he turned his attention to farming, working in the employ of others until he purchased his present property. He owns one hundred and thirty-eight acres lying ten miles southwest of Bloomer in Auburn township, and here engages in general farming and dairying, meeting with that success which always follows determined and well directed labor.

Mr. Peterson married Miss Tillie Sampson and they became the parents of ten children: Alfred, Severine, Isabel, Casper, Oliver, Einar, Hjalmar, Magnus; and Bertha M. and Theodore, who have passed away. Mr. Peterson is a devout member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is a man of many sterling traits of character, capable in business, progressive in citizenship and at all times trustworthy and reliable.

J. G. PRUEHER.

J. G. Prueher is the only attorney residing in Bloomer and Chippewa county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred at Tilden, April 16, 1879. His father, Lorenz Prueher, was a native of Austria, in which country he remained through the period of boyhood and youth, coming to America

in early manhood. He made his way to Indiana, where he remained for three years and then came to Chippewa county, Wisconsin, where he turned his attention to farming. Year by year he carefully cultivated his fields and was well known as a representative agriculturist of the community. He died in this county at the age of seventy-seven years and is still survived by his wife, who in her maidenhood was Maria Zwiefelhofer. They were the parents of seven children.

J. G. Prueher spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and after attending the schools of Bloomer continued his education in the Minnesota University. He entered the law department and in due course of time was graduated therefrom in June, 1905. He then returned to Bloomer, opened an office and has since been in continuous practice here. He now is and for about six years has been village attorney of Bloomer, is secretary and a director of the Bloomer Improvement Club, and is a director of the Bloomer Machine Works and one of the stockholders of the telephone company of Bloomer and also of the Peoples State Bank and is thus closely associated with business as well as professional circles of the city.

Mr. Prueher was united in marriage to Miss Grace H. Brooks, of Chippewa, and unto them has been born a son, Bertram J., now a year old. Mr. Prueher is interested in the political situation and gives his support to the democratic party, and is at present chairman of the democratic county committee, strongly indorsing its principles and its policy. He belongs to the Catholic church and he is president of the school board of Bloomer, in which capacity he is serving for the second year. His record in all connections has been creditable and his enterprising spirit makes him a valued business man and citizen of Bloomer.

REED SPENCER MUNROE.

Reed Spencer Munroe is a successful farmer, owning one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 29, Sigel township. He is a native son of Wisconsin, born in Waushara county, November 6, 1867. His father, William S. Munroe, was born in the town of Bolton, Chittenden county, Vermont, July 21, 1839. In 1846 he was brought west by his parents who located in Wisconsin, Sheboygan county. William S. Munroe began learning the printer's trade in the Free Press office in Sheboygan Falls and after working there a year went to the State Journal office at Madison where he remained until 1861 when he removed to Wautoma to take an interest in the Waushara Argus. He enlisted in the Union army in the fall of 1861 as a private, serving his country through the war and earning numerous promotions by his courage and loyalty manifested in the hard fought battles of the campaign of the western army and in the march to the sea. He was honorably discharged at the close of the conflict as captain of Company I, Sixteenth Regiment. Some years later he engaged in farming and also operated a sawmill at Cadott. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Clara C. Clark, was a native of Beloit, Wisconsin, born in 1840. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Munroe were born five children: Allen C.; Reed S.; Jennie, who is deceased;

William R.; and one who died in infancy. Both the parents are now deceased, the father passing away in 1899, while the mother preceded him in death seven years, her demise occurring in 1892.

Reed S. Munroe was reared under the paternal roof and attended the public schools of Wautoma, Wisconsin, to the age of twelve years. The family home having been established in Cadott about that time, the son completed his education in the high school of that place. He then entered his father's sawmill, and was thus engaged until he had reached the age of twenty-five years. In the meantime he had purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land at various times and cleared and developed the same. When he left his father's sawmill he then went to live on his farm and has since added forty acres, so that his acreage now comprises one hundred and sixty acres, located on section 29, Sigel township. He breeds Holstein cattle to some extent, and also engages in raising wheat, hay, corn, oats and potatoes, his principal crop being hay. He also raises a few hogs and likewise engages in dairying. He leads a busy life on the farm and is meeting with deserved success in all his various undertakings.

At Cadott, on the 20th of September, 1888, Mr. Munroe was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Russell, a daughter of Louis A. and Julia M. (Ogden) Russell, the former a drayman of Cadott. Two sons and one daughter have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Munroe, Spencer R., Caleb L. and Clarissa. The family attend the Methodist church.

Mr. Munroe is a republican in his political affiliations and for eight years served as trustee of the village of Cadott. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans. Having always led a busy and industrious life, he has gradually worked his way upward until today he is classed among the substantial farmers and representative citizens of Chippewa county.

FRED C. PITSCH.

Fred C. Pitsch, prominently connected with commercial interests of Chippewa Falls as a member of the firm of Fred Pitsch & Company, shoe merchants, was born at Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, June 16, 1879, and is a son of Charles and Mary (Billmyer) Pitsch, both of German extraction.

Fred C. Pitsch began his education in the public schools of his native city and when he was fourteen years of age moved to Chippewa Falls, where he studied in the public schools and in St. Charles Roman Catholic school. At the age of sixteen he laid aside his books and began his independent career as clerk in the employ of Weyenberg Brothers, retail dealers in shoes, with whom he remained until 1898, gaining during that time valuable practical experience in a line of work to which he has devoted his attention during his entire active life. When he resigned his position with Weyenberg Brothers he formed a partnership with Henry Kuntz and they established themselves in the retail shoe business under the name of Fred Pitsch & Company. This undertaking has proved very successful and the partners control today a growing patronage, their concern being ranked with the largest of its kind in the city.

In Stevens Point, Wisconsin, August 6, 1912, Mr. Pitsch was united in marriage to Miss Georgia Barrows, a daughter of G. L. and Louise Barrows, the former a conductor on the Soo line, with headquarters at Stevens Point. Mrs. Pitsch's mother passed away in 1909 and is buried in that city. Mrs. Pitsch was previous to her marriage a teacher in the high school there.

Fraternally Mr. Pitsch is connected with the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and has rendered the city excellent service as a member of the board of alderman. In Chippewa Falls he is known as a farsighted, able and resourceful business man and has made steady and well deserved progress since the beginning of his active career.

FRANK W. STARR, M. D.

For nearly ten years Dr. Frank W. Starr has practiced medicine in Stanley, Chippewa county, and in that time has built up a substantial practice which is given him in recognition of his natural ability, his experience and also to the interest which he takes in each particular case and which helps toward establishing personal and pleasant relations between patient and doctor. Moreover, Dr. Starr has held important official positions and as county physician has done much toward stamping out disease in this section of the state and in improving general health conditions. Dr. Starr was born in Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, May 10, 1866, a son of James Starr, a native of Ireland, born in 1825. When fifteen years of age the father removed to Quebec, Canada, and at the age of thirty-five came to Wisconsin. He worked along various lines largely in the employ of others and passed away in 1869, at the comparatively early age of forty-four years. The mother, who before her marriage was Miss Bridget Miskell, was born in Ireland in 1833 and her death occurred in 1884. In their family were nine children: John, Patrick, Mary, Ellen, Lizzie, James, Frank, Margaret and Emma.

Frank W. Starr attended the Grand Rapids high school, from which he graduated in 1885, and for eight years thereafter taught school in Wood county. He then attended the Oshkosh normal school, from which he graduated in 1895, after which he was engaged for four years as a teacher in the high school. Desiring, however, to make the medical profession his life work, he then attended the Northwestern Medical College of Chicago, receiving the degree of M. D. in 1903. In that year he began practicing and in 1904 came to Stanley, Wisconsin, where he has ever since been located. Earnest, capable and conscientious in the discharge of his duties, he is careful in diagnosis but after reaching a decision is quick to act. He has many notable and critical cases to his credit and as the years have passed has established a large practice, winning the confidence and esteem of his patients and the general public. He has the rare quality of instilling into those who are ill that confidence in a cure which is so necessary in bringing a difficult case to a successful issue. Dr. Starr has made many friends since locating in Stanley, not only among his patients but also among the general public, all of whom unite in pronouncing him a conscientious physician and a man of high principles.

On December 28, 1898, Dr. Starr was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Crane, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilder Willard Crane, of Weyauwega, Wisconsin, the marriage taking place in that city. Mr. Crane was a lumberman and very prominent in his district. Dr. and Mrs. Starr are the parents of two daughters, Ruth I. and Elizabeth E.

Dr. Starr has been intimately connected with the public life of Stanley and Chippewa county, having served for four years as a member of the city school board and for the same period of time as county health officer, doing valuable work in both positions. Besides his own residence he owns a valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 34, Colburn township, this county. His political support is given to the democratic party. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Beavers and the Woodmen of the World. That he is interested in church work is evident from the fact that he is a member and serves as elder of the Presbyterian church of Stanley and he has always taken an active interest in the movements which make for the betterment of the Stanley country and which tend to elevate the moral or intellectual status of its people.

WESLEY W. SHONG.

Prominently identified with various important corporate interests of Boyd, Wesley W. Shong figures as one of the most progressive and representative men of the town. In partnership with his father he owns and operates a large planing and sawmill and he has other important business identifications, his interests touching closely the financial and commercial development of the community. He was born in Augusta, Lincoln township, Eau Claire county, April 21, 1875, a son of Charles and Esther (Williams) Shong, natives of New York state, the former born in 1843 and the latter in 1848. The father came to Wisconsin about 1865 and has followed farming in Lincoln township for many years. He is associated with his son as a partner in the operation of a planing and sawmill at Boyd. He and his wife became the parents of six children: Wesley W., of this review; Verna, who married Frank Scott, a farmer at Otter Creek; Clara, who became the wife of Burl Arris, a farmer of Otter Creek, by whom she has three children; Bessie, the wife of Richard Temple, a rancher in Montana by whom she has one child; and John and Robert.

Wesley W. Shong acquired his education in the public schools of Lincoln township which he attended until he was eighteen years of age. After laying aside his books he spent six years upon the farm and then joined his father in the operation of a lumber mill in Ludington township, Eau Claire county. In 1905 he moved to Boyd and there in partnership with his father bought the planing and sawmill which he has operated since that time. Under his able management it has become a large and flourishing enterprise, controlling a large market and supplying a representative and growing patronage. In addition to the mill and yard the partners own also five hundred and twenty acres of land in Ludington township, Eau Claire county, one hundred and sixty on section 6, range 5 west and three hundred and sixty on section 2, range 6 west, all in town-

ship 27. Mr. Shong is a stockholder in the Citizens' State Bank of Boyd and the Ludington Telephone Company and is a man of recognized business ability and prominence.

At Lincoln, Eau Claire county, on the 24th of December, 1901, Mr. Shong married Miss Anna Fedler, a daughter of Wenzel and Katherine (Kadlets) Fedler. Her father is a well known farmer of Glenmore township, Brown county. In the family were the following children: Mary; Frank, who has passed away; Wenzel; Anna, wife of the subject of this review; Anton; Fred, also deceased; John and Frank. Mrs. Schong has also a half brother, Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Shong are the parents of two children: Esther A. and Robert C. The family attend the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Shong gives his political allegiance to the republican party and takes an intelligent interest in the welfare and development of Boyd. He is well known and favorably regarded in business circles and wherever he is known he is held in high esteem by reason of his genuine personal worth.

JACOB SAVORD.

Jacob Savord, whose demise occurred in Cleveland township on the 15th of February, 1907, was for a number of years actively and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits there, owning and operating a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 2. He was born in Canada on the 15th of March, 1845, and in early manhood was a sailor for several years then crossed the border into the United States, locating in northern Minnesota, where he was engaged in business for some time. On the expiration of that period he came to Chippewa Falls, Chippewa county, Wisconsin, and eventually settled on one hundred and sixty acres of government land in section 2, Cleveland township. He made a number of substantial improvements on the property and there carried on general agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest, winning and maintaining a reputation as one of the prosperous and respected citizens of his community.

At Keystone, Chippewa county, Mr. Savord was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Violet, a native of Canada, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, leaving her husband with five children. The responsibility which thus fell upon him was a grave one, for some of the children were still small and one was but an infant. His mother-in-law, who lived with him for a few years and died on his farm, assisted him in rearing the family, but he largely trained and educated them alone. The children were named as follows: Louis, George, Charles, Clara and Lucy. Mr. Savord was a democrat in politics and a prominent worker in the local ranks of the party. In religious faith he was a Catholic, and his life in all of its various relations was of such character as to command the respect and esteem of those with whom he was associated.

Charles Savord, son of Jacob Savord, was born on the home farm in Cleveland township and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. At the time of his father's demise he bought out the other heirs in the homestead property, which has since remained in his possession. He carries on gen-

eral farming with excellent success, for his land is productive and his place is well improved in every particular.

In Chippewa county, Mr. Savord was joined in wedlock to Miss Barbara Jeneman, her parents being Joseph and Catherine (Fleer) Jeneman, now deceased. By this union there is one child, Clarence.

Mr. Savord has served as township supervisor for two years, while for one year he acted in the capacity of township treasurer. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Catholic church at Flambeau. He has always resided in this county and is widely recognized as an enterprising young agriculturist and progressive citizen.

J. B. HALVERSON.

After a long and distinguished business career J. B. Halverson has since 1910 served as cashier of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Stanley. He became connected with this institution in 1906 as assistant cashier and in 1910 was promoted to the position which he now occupies. He also is a substantial stockholder and a director of this bank. Moreover, he has other important financial interests and is considered one of the most shrewd and able bankers of this part of the state. Public affairs have ever interested him and he has also endeavored to spread the spirit of brotherly love by the means of his church, in the work of which he is deeply interested. Mr. Halverson was born in Jackson county, this state, April 12, 1864, and is a son of Halver Halverson Haugsjerd, who was born in Norway in 1825. He came to Wisconsin in 1858, settling in Dane county, where he became one of the early pioneers and whence he later removed to Minnesota. Indians forced him during the early times to flee from his home and he then went to Jackson county, Wisconsin, where his death occurred in 1883. He married Miss Torbor Sjurson, who was born in Norway in 1826. At the age of eighty-seven she lives in Jackson county, Wisconsin, still showing an active interest in her surroundings and her family.

J. B. Halverson is one of a family of eight children, of whom five are still living. He was educated in the public schools of Jackson county until seventeen years of age and subsequently graduated from the Indiana Normal School and Business Institute at Valparaiso, Indiana, in 1887. He made his first step into business life in connection with the Mercantile Association of Pigeon Falls, Wisconsin, remaining with them as clerk, bookkeeper and cashier for a period of eleven years. He then engaged in business for himself at Northfield, Wisconsin, under the name of Steen, Halverson & Company, conducting a general store for eight years. He then removed to Minneapolis, where he engaged in the manufacture of envelope openers for about a year. At the end of that period he came to Stanley, entering the Farmers & Merchants State Bank as assistant cashier in 1906. In 1910 he was made cashier of this institution. Mr. Halverson gives his undivided attention to the affairs of the bank and while he is progressive in his undertakings he is conservative in judging of the investments which this institution makes. He is ever ready to extend credit to worthy patrons for such enterprises as need legitimate help if he deems the collateral offered

safe enough for the bank to accept it. Shrewd, able and conscientious, Mr. Halverson has become recognized as an authority on finance in his part of Wisconsin and occupies in commercial circles of the community a foremost position. He owns two residences in Stanley and besides being cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank is also a large stockholder and a director. He also is interested in the Union State Bank of Minneapolis, in the Citizens State Bank of Cadott, Chippewa county, and in the Steen Mercantile Company of Northfield, Wisconsin. He is in addition a stockholder in the Alberta Farm Company of Milk River, Alberta, Canada.

On October 14, 1893, Mr. Halverson was united in marriage to Miss Gina Ekern, a daughter of Anthony and Louisa Ekern, of Trempealeau county, Wisconsin, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride. In his district the father is prominent as a successful agriculturist. Mr. and Mrs. Halverson became the parents of seven children: Ames, who died at the age of seven years; Thelma L.; Lenard; Arnold, who died at the age of nine months; and Amy, Mabel and Berenice, all at home.

Since 1890 Mr. Halverson has served as notary public in Trempealeau, Chippewa and Jackson counties. For eight years he served as justice of the peace, establishing a high reputation among his fellow citizens by his fair and impartial decisions. Fraternally he is a member of the I. S. W. A. and politically he is a progressive republican. While residing at Pigeon Falls he served for eight years as assistant postmaster. He is secretary of the Progressive League and a member of the school board and is also a member and treasurer of the United Lutheran church. The career of Mr. Halverson sets forth what can be attained when industry and energy lead the way and the success which has come to him is the more creditable as it has been brought about entirely by his own labors. He enjoys in an extraordinary degree the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, who trust him implicitly and have great faith in him as an authority on financial, real-estate and commercial matters.

MRS. JULIA OLIN ELLIS.

Mrs. Julia Olin Ellis owns one hundred and sixty acres of fine land on section 23, Howard township, and is conducting this property as a dairy farm, proving herself as capable as any man in the direction and control of her interests. She is the widow of Llewellyn Ellis, one of the best known farmers of that township and one who was identified for more than thirty years with the progress and development of its agricultural interests. He was the youngest of nine children born to Joshua and Elfrida (Hilton) Ellis, of English ancestry, and he was born at Madison, Somerset county, Maine, May 19, 1847. His childhood and early youth were spent on the New England farm and from Maine he came in 1868 to Wisconsin, settling first in Oshkosh, where he remained two years, and then in Eau Claire. Shortly after he located in the latter city he engaged in the lumbering business as a contractor, operating camps on the Chippewa river and its numerous tributaries. In 1876, however, he turned his attention to farming, buying a tract of land from F. W. Woodward. His holdings were located in Howard township,

on section 23, and upon this property he continued to reside until his death, giving his attention to diversified farming and specializing in the rearing of improved grades of dairy cattle and various breeds of sheep. The results of his efforts proved highly satisfactory and he was one of the most successful breeders in Chippewa county, his animals being notable features of any fair in which they were exhibited. Mr. Ellis was president of the local union of the American Society of Equity after its organization in 1904 and was president of the Town Line Creamery Association for several years, having been reelected on January 1, 1910, on the day on which his fatal illness began. He was also a member of the Wisconsin Live Stock Association, and a life member of the Northwestern Fair Association.

Mr. Ellis married, in Eau Claire, July 3, 1882, Miss Julia E. Olin, of that city, and they became the parents of two children: Myra, the wife of Ole Olson, a farmer of Chippewa county; and Elvira, who married H. E. Craft, also engaged in farming in this county. Mr. Ellis passed away January 12, 1910, and his death was deeply and sincerely regretted, for he was a man of upright character and high principles and he held the esteem and confidence of all who were associated with him. Mrs. Ellis owns the homestead, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, and is conducting there a large dairy, the products of which command a high price and a ready sale on the market. She has been very active in securing public utilities for the township, being the first one to seek the establishment of a mail route, and the first one to work for the establishment of a telephone line. Mrs. Ellis has a diploma as a professional nurse in addition to her other achievements. Her ability is respected in business circles, and in private life her many excellent qualities of character have gained for her an extensive circle of friends.

ANTON L. SOLI.

Anton L. Soli, engaging in general farming and dairying on a fine tract of forty acres lying on section 14, Delmar township, is a native of Norway, born January 14, 1864. His parents, Lars, and Olina (Christianson) Hansen, were also natives of that country and the father was employed in the sawmills there for many years. They came to Stanley, Wisconsin, in 1895 and he remained a resident of that community until his death in 1899. He had survived his wife several years, she having passed away in 1884. In their family were nine children, seven of whom are still living, as follows: Hannah, John, Hans, Anton, Carl, Marius and Dora.

Anton L. Soli acquired his education in the public schools of Norway, attending until the year 1880. He afterwards worked in the sawmills in his native country for two years and then emigrated to America settling in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He resumed his former occupation, there remaining until 1884, when he returned to Norway for his marriage. In the following year he settled again in Eau Claire, where he maintained his residence until 1900, in which year he purchased forty acres of land on section 14, township 29, range 5 west, and upon this property he has since resided. He has given special attention to dairying and is also to some extent interested in stock-raising, keeping eight head of cattle

and two horses. He has made extensive improvements upon his property, erecting substantial barns and outbuildings, and he keeps everything about the place in excellent condition.

On the 22d of November, 1885, Mr. Soli married Miss Annie Larsen, a daughter of Lars and Ingebor (Anderson) Jonssen. Mr. and Mrs. Soli became the parents of nine children, Carl, Arthur, Hartvig, Jennie, Dagny, Gunda, Peter, Ingebor, and a child who died in infancy. The parents are members of the United Lutheran church in which Mr. Soli is a deacon. He is an independent republican in his political beliefs and interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the county, although he is not active as a politician. His attention is given chiefly to his agricultural pursuits and in these he has won that success which always follows earnest and persistent labor.

CHARLES P. BARKER.

As owner of the Barker Dairy Farm, situated on sections 1, 2 and 11, Wheaton township, Chippewa county, Charles P. Barker occupies an important position in dairying and stock-breeding circles. Although he is not yet thirty years of age, he has already achieved a decided success which must be entirely attributed to his modern and up-to-date methods and the careful attention which he gives to his interests. Mr. Barker is a highly educated man and makes use of much of what he has learned in the operation of his farm. He is a native of Chippewa county and was born on the farm which he now owns, June 9, 1884, a son of Herbert C. and Clara I. (Slayton) Barker. The father came with his father, Charles P. Barker, from Maine. The latter was one of the largest lumber loggers in this part of Wisconsin, and it was he who made settlement on the land and began its improvement. He was a veteran of the Civil war and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. Herbert C. Barker, the father of our subject, was the first man to introduce pure-bred Holstein cattle into this part of the county, and at the time of his death had the finest herd in this portion of Wisconsin. He died in 1896, at the comparatively early age of thirty-eight years, being accidentally killed by his own Holstein bull. He found burial in the Forest Hill cemetery. His wife survives and now makes her home in Chippewa Falls. The Barker family is of British origin but has long been established in this country, some of the members having fought throughout the Revolutionary war.

Charles P. Barker received his primary education in the public and high schools, from the latter of which he graduated in 1902 and then entered the University of Wisconsin. From that institution he received the degree of A. B. in 1906 and the degree of B. S. in G. E. in 1907. He then entered the employ of the United States Steel Corporation in Joliet as steam expert, holding that position until taking charge of the Barker Dairy Farm, which comprises two hundred and eighty acres of land. Here he has made numerous modern improvements not only in buildings and machinery but also in methods of operation, and he is at present making plans for an entirely modern dairy plant. He also gives much attention to the breeding of pure-bred Holstein cattle.

In Chippewa Falls, on August 31, 1907, Mr. Barker married Miss Margaret Hurd, a daughter of Dr. H. H. and Minnie (Robinson) Hurd. Of this union there has been born one daughter, Polly Hurd.

Mr. Barker is a republican in his political affiliations. He is a Tau Beta Pi, member of a national honorary engineering fraternity, and of the Sigma Nu, a Greek letter society. Both he and his wife are members of the Episcopal church. While Mr. Barker has attained individual success and is one of the substantial men of his locality, he has done much toward furthering dairy interests by introducing new methods and new ideas. He is an enthusiastic, progressive young man and takes interest in all that pertains to the welfare of his district. Although he is not politically active, he is ever ready to give of his time and money toward worthy public enterprises and his citizenship is of the truly helpful kind.

CARL M. TOFT.

After a number of years' connection with the optical and jewelry department of the Northwestern Lumber Company, Carl M. Toft established in 1913 a store of his own, which enjoys an ever-increasing and representative patronage. He has made a study of his trade and graduated with high honors from the optical department of the Northern Illinois College, so that he is well fitted to conduct an enterprise of this character. He also deserves mention for the fact that he was one of those who participated in the Cuban and Porto Rican campaigns, offering his services in order to uphold the honor of the American flag in this cause. Mr. Toft was born in Seattle, Washington, October 31, 1876. His father, Evan A. Toft, was born in Norway in 1844, and at the age of twenty-five years crossed the ocean and went to Chicago. He was a jeweler by trade and now makes his home in Grafton, North Dakota. The mother before her marriage was Christina Nelson and was born in Norway in 1854, coming to America when eighteen years of age. In their family were eleven children, Carl M., Alma B., Elmer C., Helga L., Paul G., Arthur W., Mabel O., Clarence, and three who died in infancy.

Carl M. Toft was educated in the high school of Menominee, Wisconsin, which he attended until seventeen years of age, when he entered Trowbridge's school at Winona, this state, graduating in 1894. In 1900 he graduated from the Northern Illinois College at Chicago with the degree of Doctor of Optics. He then came to Stanley, taking charge of the jewelry and optical department of the Northwestern Lumber Company and remaining in that position for thirteen years. In 1913 he opened his present store and has since been very successful in this undertaking. He carries a complete line of the latest goods, affording his customers a selection which is rarely to be met with in a town of the size of Stanley. His stock is valued at four thousand dollars.

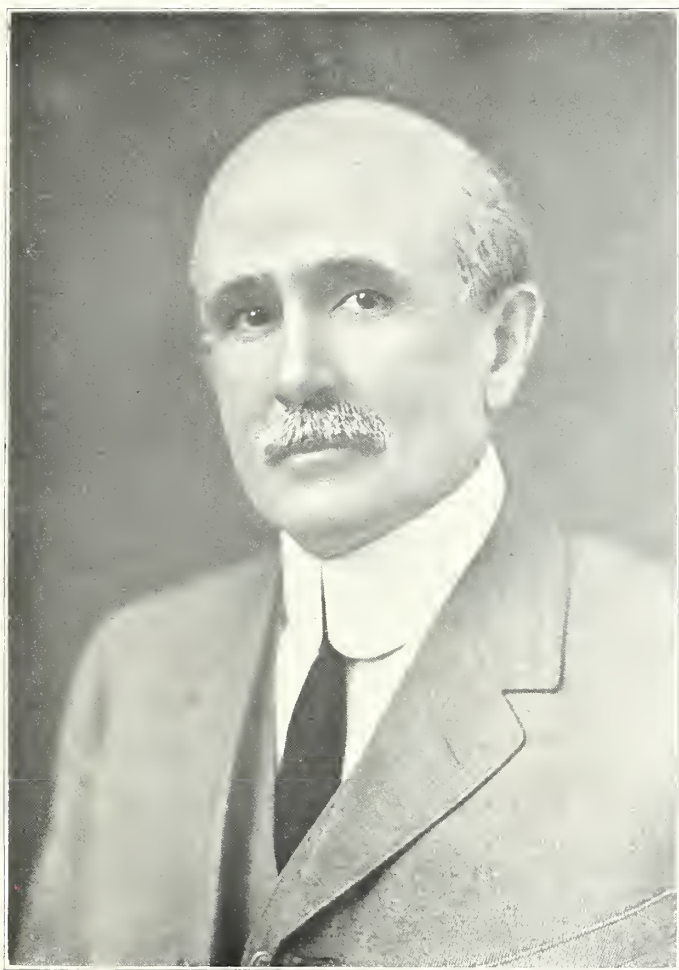
At Stanley, Wisconsin, on the 24th of June, 1903, Mr. Toft was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Dunn, a daughter of John and Clara (Westphall) Dunn, the former a well known hotel proprietor of Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Toft are the parents of four children: John W., Dorothy M., Lawrence G., and Eleanor Grace.

Mr. Toft is a member of Company E, Third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. For six months he was stationed with his company at Chickamauga and then did detached service as mounted orderly for General Ernest for one year. He served with distinction in Cuba and Porto Rico and in 1899 was discharged from the United States service. Fraternally Mr. Toft is a member of the Masons, the Beavers and the I. S. W. A. He is also a popular and progressive young business man and highly esteemed and respected in his city. He finds recreation and pleasure in fishing and hunting. The career of Mr. Toft is proof of the fact that ambition will find a way to succeed and it is for his determined qualities of character that he is admired by all who know him.

WILLIAM IRVINE.

Since William Irvine was fifteen years of age he has been identified with the lumber business in Chippewa Falls and during that time has constantly extended the scope of his activities as his powers and opportunities developed until today his important and varied connections with lumber interests make him one of the greatest individual forces in the development of this industry in the state. He is known as a conservative, farsighted and capable man of business, with a thorough understanding of his special field and a power and insight which would spell success along any line. Mr. Irvine was born in Mount Carroll, Illinois, October 28, 1851, and is a son of John and Amanda M. (Fitch) Irvine, the former a native of Indiana county, Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and the latter of Delaware county, New York. Their marriage occurred in Mount Carroll, Illinois, whither the father had come in 1845. In that year he established himself in the mercantile business there and so continued until his death, which occurred in 1873. His wife survived him until 1900. Both were members of the Methodist church.

William Irvine acquired his early education in the public schools of Mount Carroll and at Mount Carroll Seminary. At the age of fifteen he went to work for his brother-in-law, who was captain of a raft boat towing lumber from the Chippewa Falls sawmills to Mississippi river points. Mr. Irvine engaged as watchman and then as clerk, so continuing until 1875, when he was made salesman for the Union Lumbering Company of Chippewa Falls, his territory lying along the Mississippi river from Winona to St. Louis. This position offered him many opportunities to display his energy, aggressiveness and foresight and he did not hesitate to avail himself of them, becoming one of the most trusted and reliable employes of the firm he represented. He advanced rapidly, becoming in 1881 secretary of the company, and in 1885 manager, and he held this position until 1911, when manufacturing at this point was discontinued. In the forty-five years during which he was connected with the Chippewa Falls sawmills he learned every detail of the lumber business, studying both the mechanical and administrative branches and never neglecting any opportunity to increase his knowledge or add to his skill. He gained recognition as an expert in the lumber business, a leader in the development of the lumber industry in the state and the years brought him many important business identifications, connecting



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him with notable interests along his chosen line. He is secretary of the Northern Lumber Company of Cloquet, Minnesota, and interested in various other lumber concerns, holding stock in a number of the Weyerhaeuser companies. He is vice president of the Lumbermen's National Bank, was for three years president of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association and for two years president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association. His interests have extended to other fields also, as is evidenced by the fact that he is a member of the board of directors of the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company and a trustee of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company.

On the 8th of October, 1873, at Mount Carroll, Illinois, Mr. Irvine married Miss Adelaide M. Beardsley, a daughter of Orlando S. Beardsley, a prominent stock farmer in that vicinity. The father died in 1883 and is survived by his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Irvine have one daughter, Ruth. Mr. Irvine attends the Presbyterian church, although he is not a member, and is connected fraternally with the Masonic lodge and chapter in Chippewa Falls, Tancred Commandery and the Wisconsin Consistory. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party but his extensive and always growing business affairs have left him very little time for activity in public affairs. He is easily among the leading business men of the state and has been a powerful force in the development of the lumber industry here for the past half century. He is a man of marked individuality, strong character and stalwart purpose, who in citizenship, in business circles and in private life commands the respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

S. B. NIMMONS.

S. B. Nimmons was born at Rockland Farms, Westchester county, New York, June 15, 1863, and is a son of Samuel and Amelia (Archer) Nimmons, the former of whom was a merchant in early times in New York city. He died in 1888 and his wife survived him until 1913. Both are buried in the cemetery at Chatham, New Jersey.

S. B. Nimmons acquired his education in the public schools of Summit, New Jersey. He began work at the age of fifteen as an employe of a brokerage firm in New York city and after five years came to Chippewa Falls where he became connected with the Chippewa Lumber & Boom Company as clerk. At the end of two years he moved to Montana and there spent a short period on a sheep ranch and also engaged in the mercantile business. He then returned to Chippewa Falls and entered the employ of the Lumbermens National Bank as clerk. He was elected cashier of the bank in 1890, and has occupied that position since, and is also one of the directors of that institution. In Chippewa Falls he is known as a conservative banker whose judgment in financial matters is considered sound and reliable. He is also one of the executors of the Rutledge estate, secretary and treasurer of the Hannah M. Rutledge Home for the Aged, and secretary and treasurer of the Edward Rutledge Charity, and was formerly connected with the school board of Chippewa Falls and the new high school was erected during his term of service.

In St. Paul, Minnesota, September 25, 1888, Mr. Nimmons was united in marriage to Miss Kate Rumsey, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rumsey, the former one of the early merchants of Chippewa Falls. He has passed away but his wife survives him, making her home in Chippewa Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Nimmons have two daughters: Mary, who is a graduate of the Chippewa high school; and Charlotte, who is a graduate of the domestic science department of Stout institute.

Mr. Nimmons is a member of the Episcopal church and independent in politics.

MRS. CARRIE F. MILLIONS.

Mrs. Carrie F. Millions, the widow of Chauncey K. Millions, came to this county from Loganville, Wisconsin, in 1883 and has resided here through the intervening three decades. The farm which she owns comprises three hundred and seven acres of land on section 36, Sigel township. Her birth occurred in Madison, Wisconsin, on the 1st of December, 1858, her parents being A. D. and Hannah (Carly) Gibson, both of whom lie buried in Chippewa county. The father passed away in 1862, while the mother's demise occurred in 1890.

Carrie F. Gibson attended the schools of Loganville until fifteen years of age and subsequently spent about eight years in the service of a hotel proprietor. On the 24th of December, 1881, she gave her hand in marriage to Chauncey K. Millions, a son of John and Eliza (King) Millions, both of whom have passed away and were buried at Elbridge, New York. Chauncey K. Millions was one of the first settlers of Cadott, Wisconsin, where he operated the first sawmill. He also built a hotel in the town in 1882, known as the Central Hotel, and carried on business there for several years. At the time of his demise he left his wife a well improved farm of three hundred and seven acres on section 36, Sigel township, where she has since carried on mixed farming, keeping about seven horses, thirty-five cattle and thirty-five hogs. The improvements on the property include a substantial residence, barn and other outbuildings, and the place presents a neat and well kept appearance.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Millions were born two children, as follows: William S., who resides with his widowed mother; and Albert C., who is employed as foreman by the Keith & Hiles Lumber Company at Crandon, Wisconsin. Mrs. Millions has won many friends in her home community, for her life has ever been such as to attract them.

JAMES AGNEW WATSON.

Among the popular young men of Chippewa Falls and those who are connected with the government in official capacity is James Agnew Watson, assistant postmaster of the local office. A native of Wisconsin, he was born at Menasha on June 9, 1880, and when but two years of age came to this county in 1882. He is a son of James O. and Agnes M. (Agnew) Watson, both of whom now reside in Chippewa Falls. The father is very popular and prominent in the city.

enjoying the confidence of the general public and the esteem of a large circle of admiring friends. In their family were three children: Frank, who died on June 6, 1910, and is buried in Chippewa Falls; George, who has also passed away and found his last resting place in Oshkosh, Wisconsin; and James Agnew.

James Agnew Watson was reared by his parents and early there was fostered in him a realization of the value of industry and honesty. He received a good education, attending the Chippewa Falls high school, which he left at the age of seventeen in order to enter the Drew School of Pharmacy, which he attended for nine months. Returning to Chippewa Falls, he then entered business with his brother in the drug line and for eight years was successfully engaged in that connection, their store becoming one of the most popular in the city. For a number of years Mr. Watson has now efficiently filled the position of assistant postmaster and has done much toward maintaining a highly satisfactory service.

Mr. Watson is prominent in the Masonic order, being a member of Chippewa Falls Lodge, No. 176, A. F. & A. M.; Chippewa Chapter, No. 46, R. A. M.; and Tancred Commandery, No. 27, K. T. He has attained the thirty-second degree and is also a member of Tripoli Shrine of Milwaukee, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian denomination and he holds membership in the local church. It is interesting to note in regard to his family that it was his father who brought the first locomotive into Chippewa Falls that ever entered the city. Mr. Watson stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens and the confidence which he enjoys is highly merited, for it is given in return and in appreciation of qualities which are considered the highest virtues in American manhood.

AUGUST BRUSS.

August Bruss, head of the firm of August Bruss & Son, hardware dealers of Boyd, and numbered among the substantial and representative business men of that town, was born in Sheboygan county, this state, September 11, 1858. He is a son of August and Elizabeth (Prock) Bruss, natives of Germany, the former born in 1819 and the latter in 1832. Both have passed away, the father dying in 1887 and the mother in 1892. They were the parents of thirteen children: Charles, Sophia, August, John, Philip, Henry, Ernestina, Lizzie, Augusta, Mary and three who died in infancy.

August Bruss acquired his education in the public schools of Manitowoc county, but his advantages along this line were limited as he laid aside his books at the age of ten. He afterwards worked in the woods and at threshing and at various other occupations until he was twenty, when he turned his attention to farming, working as a laborer for five years. At the end of that time he purchased forty acres and this farm he operated until 1895. He then sold his holdings and opened a saloon and livery stable in Brillion. This enterprise was destroyed by fire in 1899 and Mr. Bruss lost his entire fortune, but with characteristic energy he rebuilt his store and within the next ten years secured a large and important patronage. In 1909 he moved to Boyd and in association with his son John, organized the firm of August Bruss & Son. They established them-

selves in the hardware business and have been very successful, their stock being valued today at thirty-three hundred dollars.

Mr. Bruss married Miss Margaret Ohlogge, a daughter of John Ohlogge of Halstine, Wisconsin, and they are the parents of four children: August, Jr.; John; Sobina; and Leona. August married Miss Emma Kreiger and they have two children, Estella and Clarence. He is engaged in farming in Manitowoc county. John is a partner in August Bruss & Son. He married Miss Linda Butscher, a daughter of Albert Butscher. Sobina and Leona live at home.

Mr. Bruss is connected fraternally with the Equitable fraternal union and he is a devout member of the Methodist church. He is independent in his political views and has held some public offices of trust and responsibility, serving for three years as trustee of Brillion and for two years as marshal. Both as a public official and a business man his record is a creditable and worthy one and he is moreover, held in widespread esteem by reason of his genuine personal worth.

ANDREW N. SNEEN.

For the past thirty-six years Andrew N. Sneen has been connected with the Northwestern Lumber Company at Porters Mills and Stanley and during that time has risen by his own energy, ability and enterprise to the position of superintendent of the mill, which he has held since 1905. He was born in Norway on the 27th of October, 1860, a son of Nels and Sigri (Aspeggen) Sneen, also natives of that country, the former born in 1834 and the latter in 1836. The parents came to Wisconsin in 1875 and the father followed farming in this state until his death which occurred in 1903. His wife survives him and makes her home on the farm near Rock Falls.

Andrew N. Sneen is one of a family of six children. He attended public school in Norway until he was fifteen years of age and then accompanied his parents to America, pursuing his studies for five months in Wisconsin. He afterwards worked for a short time in a sawmill and in 1877 entered the employ of the Northwestern Lumber Company at Porters Mills. He came to Stanley in 1893, and he has since maintained his connection with the company. He has risen steadily; for his employers have recognized his integrity, trustworthiness and reliability and have rewarded them by rapid advancement. In 1905 he was made superintendent of the mill and has since discharged the duties of this important position in a capable and farsighted manner.

At Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on the 18th of June, 1882, Mr. Sneen was united in marriage to Miss Gertie Hugdahl, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hugdahl, the former a well known farmer of Washburn. Mr. and Mrs. Sneen became the parents of six children: Nels, Oscar, Oliver and Sigvald, who are living; Olina and George, who have passed away.

Mr. Sneen is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and the I. S. W. A. and he is one of the leading members of the United Lutheran church, having been a delegate to a number of church conventions. He is a stockholder in the Citizens State Bank and he has extensive property interests besides his residence in Stanley. He is a stanch republican in his political beliefs.

and prominent in the party's councils, serving as a delegate to the state convention at Milwaukee when Robert La Follette was made a candidate for the nomination to the office of governor in 1900. He has himself held a number of important positions, having been for six terms a member of the board of aldermen and for two terms on the school board. He takes a great interest in the growth and development of Stanley and is always to be found among the leaders in any work of public progress. He is a man of great energy, force and capacity and is held in high esteem and regard as a successful business man and a public-spirited citizen.

CHARLES L. SMITH.

Charles L. Smith, who came to Cleveland township, this county, more than four decades ago, has here made his home continuously since with the exception of a few short intervals when he leased his farm and lived elsewhere. He has reached the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten and is the only survivor of the original early settlers of his part of the county. His place comprises one hundred and twenty acres of land, on sections 28 and 29, township 32, range 7.

Charles L. Smith was born in Allegheny county, New York, on the 9th of June, 1843, his parents being Schuyler and Lydia Maria (Ferron) Smith, both of whom passed away in the Empire state. He spent the first twenty years of his life in New York and then came to Wisconsin, here being employed for four years by the firm of Shaw & Bullen, later the Daniel Shaw Lumber Company, of Eau Claire. On the expiration of that period he returned to his native state. In 1872, however, he again came to Wisconsin and purchased eighty acres of government land on sections 28 and 29 of what is now the township of Cleveland, the property lying in township 32, range 7, of Chippewa county. The same year he acquired an adjoining tract of forty acres. This place has remained his home continuously since with the exception of a few short intervals during which he leased his farm and resided elsewhere, his longest period of absence being the four years which he spent on the Pacific coast. The greater portion of his land is cleared and is under cultivation. Ten or twelve acres of fine rock maple still stand, comprising a "sugar bush" from which hundreds of gallons of maple syrup and quantities of sugar have been made. Twenty years ago a fire swept everything from the property except the house. The buildings now include a comfortable and substantial frame residence and outbuildings which are constructed mostly of logs. Mr. Smith still manages his affairs at the age of seventy years but leaves most of the active work of the fields to others, having rented the farm to his wife's granddaughter and her husband. When he first took up his abode on this property Flambeau road, the only thoroughfare in Cleveland township, had just been laid out. There were no horses in that part of the county, and Mr. Smith often went to Chippewa Falls on foot. He can recall many interesting incidents of pioneer life and has not only witnessed but also aided in the wonderful transformation that has here occurred as the work of progress and development has been carried steadily forward.

In New York, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Stebbens, now deceased, by whom he had two daughters, namely: Cora, the wife of Charles S. Lee, of Eau Claire; and Carrie, the wife of Charles Olliver, of Truax Prairie. For his second wife he chose Mrs. Sarah E. Wardell, a widow.

Mr. Smith has been a lifelong democrat and an active worker in the local ranks of his party. He was instrumental in organizing Cleveland township and has held various township offices, ever discharging his public duties in a prompt and able manner. When a young man of twenty-five years he became a Mason and has since remained an exemplary representative of the fraternity. Genial and kindly in nature, he fully appreciates his obligations to his fellowmen, and his honorable principles and upright manhood have won for him the high regard, confidence and good-will of all with whom he has come in contact.

DAYTON E. COOK.

Dayton E. Cook is engaged in the general practice of law in Chippewa Falls and in a profession where advancement comes only as a result of individual merit and ability has made rapid and steady progress and is meeting with well deserved and substantial success. He was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, December 14, 1873, and is a son of S. H. and Helen (Reese) Cook. The father has spent his entire active life engaged in farming and is now following agricultural pursuits in the vicinity of Aberdeen, South Dakota. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having fought through the entire four years of that conflict as a member of the Union army.

Dayton E. Cook acquired his common school education in the public schools of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and was graduated from the Aberdeen high school in 1891. He afterward entered the University of Wisconsin and from that institution was graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1895. After a post-graduate course of one year he came to Chippewa Falls and here took up the general practice of law, in which he has since engaged. He has secured a large and representative patronage, connecting him with a great deal of important litigation, and he has proved himself a strong, able and forceful practitioner. He is connected with business interests of the city as treasurer of the Clark Grain & Fuel Company and in this connection has won for himself an enviable reputation for business foresight and ability.

At Lodi, Wisconsin, on the 21st of October, 1896, Mr. Cook was united in marriage to Miss Florence Stanley, a daughter of Daniel and Augusta Stanley. The former was a lieutenant in the Union army during the Civil war and a pioneer farmer in the vicinity of Lodi. His death occurred in 1874 and his wife survives him, making her home in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have become the parents of three children: Stanley, who died at the age of seven years and is buried in the Forest Hill cemetery, Chippewa Falls; Mabel, who is a student in the high school; and Maurice, also at school.

Fraternally Mr. Cook is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a republican in his political beliefs and was for six years district attorney for Chippewa

county. His personal characteristics have gained for him the warm regard and friendship of many, while in professional circles he has attained that distinction which is the natural result of his energy and ability.

BERNARD KRAMSCHUSTER.

Bernard Kramschuster owns a farm of one hundred acres four miles northwest of Bloomer and another of forty acres north of the town. Upon the former property he has resided for the past twenty-three years and he has been very successful in its cultivation, being classed today among the able and successful farmers of his locality. He was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, in 1866 and acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county. After laying aside his books he turned his attention to farming, engaging in this occupation in various parts of Wisconsin and Minnesota until 1890 when he settled in Bloomer township, this county, buying the land which he now owns. He has cleared all but five acres of his holdings and has erected all of the buildings upon the place, neglecting nothing which would add to its appearance or value. He engages in general farming and being practical, progressive and energetic has met with gratifying and well deserved success.

Mr. Kramschuster married Mrs. Agnes Gunderman and they have become the parents of five children: Frank, Kate, George, Mary and Paul. Mrs. Kramschuster has also a son, John, by her former marriage. Mr. Kramschuster is a devout member of the Roman Catholic church. In politics he votes independently and he has rendered the township excellent service in various capacities, serving as township assessor and as justice of the peace for a number of years. He is interested in everything that pertains to the general welfare and advancement and is esteemed as one of the representative and substantial citizens of this section of the state.

ALBERT BUTSCHER.

Since 1887 Albert Butscher has been prominently connected with business interests of Boyd and he now occupies a position of precedence in financial circles as president of the State Bank. He was born in New York city, April 14, 1853, and is a son of Joseph F. and Margaret (Garstacker) Butscher, natives of Germany, the former born in 1826 and the latter in 1830. After the parents emigrated to America they settled in New York where the father engaged in the carpentering business until 1855. In that year he moved to Wisconsin and established himself in the mercantile business in Watertown, continuing thus until his death in 1909. He and his wife became the parents of six children: Albert, Joseph, Mary, Ida, Annie and Theodore.

Albert Butscher acquired his education in the public schools of Watertown and at the age of fourteen laid aside his books and became a clerk in his father's store. In 1878 he went to Edson Center, Edson township, Chippewa county, and

there engaged in the mercantile business for himself, building up a large and representative patronage. In addition he established the first cheese factory in the county and this he operated for two years. At that time the village of Boyd was becoming a thriving and prosperous trade center and Mr. Butscher took up his residence there, opening a cheese factory and a general store. This he continued until 1903 and then disposed of his interests, forming the State Bank of Boyd, of which he has since been president. He is known as a reliable, discriminating and able financier and his work has been the leading element in the building up of a sound and conservative moneyed institution.

On the 9th of May, 1882, in Addison township, Washington county, Mr. Butscher married Miss Bertha Weimer, a daughter of Peter and Margaret (Pertschy) Weimer. Mr. and Mrs. Butscher have four children: Chester A., who served in the Third United States Cavalry during the Spanish-American war and died in the Philippines; Herbert J., who is a bookkeeper in his father's bank, and who married Miss Bessie Nelson, by whom he has a daughter, Doris; Linda G., who became the wife of John J. Bruss, a hardware merchant of Boyd; and Carl, who is a student at Northwestern college in Watertown. The family are members of the Lutheran church.

Fraternally, Mr. Butscher is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he is a staunch republican in his political beliefs. It was he who organized the republican party in the town of Edson in 1878, when the town of Edson was composed of what is now the town of Edson, the town of Delmar, part of the town of Colburn, part of the town of Sigel, the village of Boyd and the city of Stanley. Since that time he has held various positions of trust and responsibility, serving as supervisor of Boyd for four years, as trustee for a similar period and for two terms as president of the village. He is a director in the State Bank and president of the Boyd Produce Company and his ability is recognized and respected in business circles. As a resident of Boyd for more than a quarter of a century, he has been loyal in his advocacy of everything pertaining to the welfare of the city and has made many substantial contributions to its development and progress.

JOHN F. WALLACE.

Energy, enterprise and initiative, guided and controlled by a sound and practical business judgment, have formed the basis of the success of John F. Wallace, and have brought him today to a position of prominence in business circles of Stanley where since 1911 he has been president of the Stanley Produce Company. He was born in Kankakee, Illinois, on the 28th of January, 1866, and is a son of William and Amanda (Locke) Wallace, natives of New York state, the former born in 1825 and the latter in 1838. Both have passed away. In their family were the following children: Ella, Leo, Laura, Bessie, William J., Frank, Lillian, Nina, Edith, Cora. Of these Bessie and Cora died in infancy.

John F. Wallace acquired his education in the district school at Rock Falls, Wisconsin, laying aside his books when he was seventeen years of age. He afterwards spent six winters in the lumber woods, working at driving logs during the

summers. In 1889 he moved to Stanley and there became connected with the Northwestern Lumber Company with whom he continued for ten years. He afterwards entered the employ of W. W. Crane Sons Company in the warehouse business, but later formed a partnership with Edward F. Burns. Together they purchased the business conducted by W. W. Crane Sons Company and continued to operate it for one year, after which, in 1911, they incorporated as the Stanley Produce Company. Of this concern Mr. Wallace has since been president, and in a position calling for energy, resourcefulness and discrimination has accomplished a great deal of excellent and far-reaching work.

On the 4th of December, 1888, Mr. Wallace married Miss Hattie Swan, a daughter of James and Alice (Faulkner) Swan of Dunn county. The father is a retired farmer and makes his home at Bloomer. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace have become the parents of a daughter, Edith, who is engaged in teaching at Bloomer. Mr. Wallace is a member of the Presbyterian church and is a democrat in his political beliefs. His genuine personal worth has greatly endeared him to a large circle of friends while his ability has carried him forward into important relations with business life.

HERMAN SCHMOCK.

Forty-two years have come and gone since Herman Schmock arrived in Chippewa county and for forty years he has lived upon the farm which he now occupies in Bloomer township. The place comprises a quarter section of land and its location within five miles of Bloomer makes the advantages of the town easily accessible. The work of clearing and developing the place was accomplished by Mr. Schmock who is classed with the industrious and diligent farmers of his community. He was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1871. His father, William Schmock, however, always remained a resident of Germany and Herman Schmock came to the new world with an uncle who was one of the pioneer settlers of this part of the state. William Schmock was a harness maker and merchant in his native land and continued actively in business there for many years. He married Dorothy Rehpfenning and they had four children, Herman, Emil, Louise and Mary. The last three are still residents of the fatherland.

Herman Schmock is the only one of the family who ever came to the United States. He attended a school in his native country and after accompanying his uncle to the new world continued his education in the schools of Chippewa county, being a student in district number one. This acquainted him with the English language as well as promoted his knowledge of different branches of learning. When in Germany he had mastered the jewelers' trade and for a short time he worked in that line in Eau Claire, but in 1873 took up his abode upon the farm which is now his home. In 1893 he and his elder son, William, went to Germany to visit their kinsfolk there. Our subject was one of the first settlers in this section and he cleared all of the land and erected all of the buildings upon his place. His farm is now a well developed property and the fields yield him good harvests as the years go by. He follows progressive methods in his general farm work,

as he also does in the conduct of a dairy business which is proving a profitable source of income to him.

Mr. Schmock was married to Miss Emma Zubkee of Milwaukee, a graduate of Fox Lake Seminary and a successful teacher in Dodge county for eleven years. They became the parents of five children: Matilda, who is living near Chetek; William; Millard; and Mary and Dora, both deceased. The elder son is assisting his father in the operation and improvement of the home farm. The younger son is a graduate of Bloomer high school; also of the commercial department of Valparaiso University and is now employed in the Peoples State Bank at Bloomer.

Mr. Schmock votes independently and has never been active as an office seeker, although he served as a member of the side board. He belongs to the German Lutheran church in Bloomer and honorable principles have actuated him in all of his life work and in his relations with his fellowman. Long residence in the county has made him widely known and he has proven the fact that the way to win a friend is to be one.

SOLOMON R. KAISER.

Solomon R. Kaiser, one of the prosperous and leading residents of Cadott, was for a number of years successfully identified with mercantile interests here as the proprietor of a general store but has lived in honorable retirement since 1908. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 3d of November, 1845, his parents being Andrew and Axey (Harget) Kaiser, the former born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 30th of November, 1803, and the latter at Morgantown, Ohio, on the 9th of August, 1811. Andrew Kaiser, an agriculturist by occupation, removed from his native state to Indiana and in 1859 came to Wisconsin, taking up his abode among the pioneer settlers of this state. His demise occurred on the 9th of August, 1863, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 15th of May, 1885. Their children were nine in number, namely: Isaac H., Jacob S., Harriett B., Daniel P., Mary H., Andrew J., Elizabeth H., Solomon R. and Jerusha G.

Solomon R. Kaiser attended school at Sturgis, Michigan, until fourteen years of age and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Black River Falls, Jackson county, Wisconsin. There he continued his studies for one year and subsequently became identified with the lumber business, working in the woods during the winter seasons for two years. In 1864 he joined Company I, Fourth Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry, remaining with that command until honorably discharged at Vicksburg, Mississippi, in 1865. His regiment was largely engaged in scouting duty and took part in several skirmishes. He went with Grierson on his memorable campaign from Mobile to Vicksburg, his regiment spending seventy days in the saddle and encountering hardships and privations of almost every description. After returning from the war Mr. Kaiser was employed as a logger at Black River Falls for five years and subsequently was for three years engaged in the logging business on his own account. In 1872 he embarked in the mercantile business at Scotts Valley and in 1873 came to Cadott, Wisconsin, opening a general store which he conducted continuously and successfully until 1908.

For the past five years he has lived retired, spending the evening of life in well earned ease. Material success has come to him in gratifying measure and his property holdings are now quite extensive, including his residence, the store, the postoffice building and several lots in the village, as well as an eighty acre farm. He is likewise a stockholder and director in the Citizens State Bank at Cadott.

Mr. Kaiser has been twice married. In 1867 he wedded Miss Ellen A. Oakes, by whom he had three children, as follows: Clayton P., Louis A. and Margaret. The wife and mother passed away on the 12th of July, 1877, and on the 13th of July, 1882, at Hudson, Wisconsin, Mr. Kaiser was again married, his second union being with Miss Laura M. Freeman, a daughter of John A. and Margaret (Clinton) Freeman, of Indiana. By this marriage five children were born, namely: Jay B., whose demise occurred in 1887; Roy C., who also passed away in that year; Ray S., an electrician in the navy who is employed on the battleship Maryland; Fay N., a school teacher by profession; and Harry L., a painter by trade, and now in the United States Navy.

In politics Mr. Kaiser is a staunch republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to various positions of public trust. He served as clerk of Sigel township for two years, acted as town chairman of Sigel for several years and for four years was president of the village of Cadott. For one year he held the office of trustee for Cadott and for five years did able service in the interests of the cause of education as a member of the school board. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades as a member of George M. Potter Post, No. 149, G. A. R., of Cadott, Wisconsin, and fraternally is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Owls. Fishing affords him delight and recreation and he is an enthusiastic disciple of Izaak Walton. While acquiring success in business he has also gained and retained the respect and honor of his fellowmen by his public service and private life, and all who know him feel honored by his friendship.

L. W. BETHKE.

L. W. Bethke, proprietor of a cigar manufactory on West Grand avenue, in Chippewa Falls, has gained a wide acquaintance during the twenty-nine years of his residence in this county. He was born in West Prussia, October 21, 1865, and is a son of Emanuel and Christine (Coller) Bethke. The father came from Prussia with his family, in 1868, and settled at Fall Creek, Eau Claire, on a tract of land, which was then an undeveloped wilderness. There were no roads in the district save the old Indian trails and it required much arduous labor to hew out from the wilderness a farm. However, Mr. Bethke gradually cleared his land from the timber, grubbed up the stumps, plowed and planted his fields and brought the place to a high state of cultivation. His financial resources increased until he was in possession of a comfortable competence that enabled him to give to his family not only the necessities but some of the luxuries of life. He passed away October 12, 1881, at the age of fifty-three years, having survived his wife but ten days. They were buried in the Protestant Fall Creek cemetery.

L. W. Bethke had the opportunity of attending school for only about three months during his entire life, and while he is now a well informed man, his knowledge has been acquired through observation, reading and experience. From an early age he had to assist his father on the farm, being the eldest son in the family. He early became familiar with the difficult task of clearing and cultivating the land and his youth was one of earnest, persistent toil. At length he left home and started out in life on his own account, working as a farm hand for thirteen years. He later came to Chippewa Falls, learned the trade of cigar-making and eventually embarked in the business which he is now conducting. He established his cigar manufactory in 1892 and now has a well equipped plant, in which he furnishes employment to a large number of workmen, thus meeting the demands of a growing trade.

Mr. Bethke was married in Chippewa Falls, July 20, 1890, to Miss Anna Wirth, a daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth Wirth, the former a cabinet-maker of Chippewa Falls, where he took up his abode about 1880. He died in 1900, while his wife passed away in Switzerland. His remains are interred in the cemetery in Auburn township. Mr. and Mrs. Bethke became the parents of four children: Ruth, who died at the age of eighteen years and six months, on the 18th of February, 1911, and was laid to rest in Forest Hill cemetery; Emanuel, who is employed as car laborer in the Irving yards; George and Annette, who are attending school. The family home is at No. 327 West Spruce street, which property Mr. Bethke purchased.

In politics our subject is independent, yet is a public-spirited citizen, interested in the general welfare. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of the Macabees and is a trustee of Lodge No. 66, at Chippewa Falls. He is also connected with the advisory committee of the Fraternal Reserve Association, and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. He may truly be called a self-made man, for he has worked his way steadily upward and whatever success he has achieved and enjoyed is the direct reward of earnest, persistent labor.

A. J. EDMINSTER.

A. J. Edminster is well known in financial circles of the county as cashier of the Bank of Holcombe. In connection with the banking business he has other important interests and holdings and is accounted one of the representative business men of his section of the state. He was born in Portage, Wisconsin, in 1865, a son of James Edminster, who was a native of Maine, but came to Wisconsin at an early period of its development. He engaged in lumbering on the Wisconsin river and later followed the same pursuit in Clark county, and subsequently in Chippewa county, where his death occurred. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Phœbe Pierce, was born in the state of New York, and is now living with her son A. J. Edminster.

After pursuing a public-school education and thus qualifying for life's practical and responsible duties, A. J. Edminster at the age of seventeen or eighteen years engaged in lumbering and logging, continuing in the business in this section of the state until the timber supply was exhausted. He also started a store

at his first farm between what is now Cornell and Holcombe, and after the coming of the railroad, moved his store to Holcombe. When the village of Cornell was started he with one of his faithful clerks, Raymond Cleaves, and his cousin, Philip Runkel, erected a store in that village and it is still running in the name of A. J. Edminster & Co. He won success in his undertakings and is now classed as one of the men of affluence in Chippewa county. He has made extensive and judicious investments, so that his holdings return him a gratifying annual income. He occupies the position of cashier of the Bank of Holcombe, a state bank, which is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and has a surplus of three thousand dollars. Of this bank E. H. Burnham is president and a general banking business is conducted, the success of which is attributable in substantial measure to the efforts and ability of A. J. Edminster. He also owns considerable timber land and is engaged in the real-estate business, having negotiated a number of important realty transfers.

Mr. Edminster was married in Chippewa Falls to Miss Nellie Loiselle, a native of Chippewa county and a daughter of Etienne Loiselle, a Frenchman, who is now eighty-one years of age and makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Edminster, who occupy a beautiful residence in Holcombe. Hospitality there reigns supreme and its good cheer is enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Edminster has been termed a prince of good fellows. He is liberal, generous, kindly in his opinions, loyal in his friendships and therefore popular.

TOM FOSTER.

Tom Foster, proprietor of the Star Theatre in Stanley, was born in Sussex, England, May 28, 1870, a son of John B. and Nellie (Savage) Foster, also natives of that locality, both born in 1835. The father was a civil assessor and surveyor of taxes in England until 1903, when he retired from active life. He and his wife became the parents of eight children, George, Maggie, Tom, Percy, Gertrude, Mald, Daisy and Fred, of whom the first named served as sergeant of the Volunteer Mounted Infantry in the Boer war.

Tom Foster attended school in England until he was thirteen years of age and then went to sea, becoming connected with the White Star, Aberdeen line. At the end of four years he came to America and settled on a farm in Iowa which he cultivated for three and one-half years. He then moved to Minneapolis, where he spent three years in charge of the Minnetonka Yacht Club, returning in 1893 to Iowa. For three years he lived upon a rented farm in that state and upon the expiration of that time moved to Rusk county, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming until 1909. In that year he turned his attention to the real-estate business in Ladysmith. During this time he made a trip to England, Scotland and Wales in the interests of the department of immigration but he met with great difficulties in this work owing to the fact that the British government offered such great inducements to settlers in Canada. When he severed his connection with the immigration department Mr. Foster came to Stanley and here opened the Star moving picture theatre, the only place of amusement in the town. He has met with most excellent success in the conduct of this enterprise and is numbered among the representative and substantial men of the community. He was

for two years vice president of the State Moving Picture League and he keeps in touch with everything connected with his line of business.

In Minneapolis, on April 15, 1893, Mr. Foster married Miss Nellie Porter, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Porter, the former a pioneer settler in Iowa and veteran of the Civil war. He is at present a well known farmer near Cresco, Iowa. Mrs. Foster passed away in 1909, leaving five children, Percy, Frank, Madge, Reggy and Pearl. On the 10th of October, 1909, in Montreal, Quebec, Mr. Foster married Mrs. Nettie Bassett, of New York.

Mr. Foster is connected fraternally with the Masonic order and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he is a stockholder in the Wisconsin National Life Insurance Company of Oshkosh. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and while a resident of Rusk county he served for four years as chairman of Big Bend township and for two years as president of the Rusk County Fair Association. He was also a delegate to Springfield, Illinois, in charge of the fair exhibits from northern Wisconsin and he still takes a great interest in this work. In all of his business dealings he has been thoroughly reliable and in matters of citizenship helpful and progressive, giving his aid and influence to many movements for the public good.

FRANCIS C. BABBITT.

Although past seventy years of age, Francis C. Babbitt still actively looks after his extensive farming interests, being one of the largest landowners of Chippewa county. He holds title to nine hundred and sixty acres, four hundred and eighty of which are under cultivation, and gives much attention to stock-raising and dairy farming. Francis C. Babbitt was born in Woodstock, Windsor county, Vermont, December 28, 1841, a son of Isaac W. and Lucy (Atwood) Babbitt the former born in Barnard, Vermont, in 1818, and the latter in Massachusetts in 1819. The father during his active life followed agricultural pursuits and passed away March 27, 1889, his wife surviving him for about ten years, her death occurring in 1899. In their family were five children, Amanda, Ellen, George, Francis C. and one who died in infancy. The family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1854 and our subject was largely educated in that city. He remained and worked in Cleveland until 1867, when he came to Wisconsin, settling in Sigel township, Chippewa county. Here he bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 29, which he kept for about eight years and then sold. He engaged in the logging business for two years and then purchased another one hundred and sixty acres on section 2, township 29, range 6 west, which is part of the farm upon which he now resides. Gradually he extended the boundaries of his property, now owning nine hundred and sixty acres, four hundred and eighty of which is under cultivation. He has, however, cleared all of the land and has done this almost entirely by himself. The land is located on sections 1 and 2, township 29, and section 35, township 30. Mr. Babbitt keeps about seventy head of cattle, mostly shorthorns, and five horses. He specializes in dairy farming and has been very successful along that line. When Mr. Babbitt and family came to Sigel township they spent the first night in a most primitive log cabin, it rain-

ing so heavily that the roof gave but poor protection. Mr. Babbitt has always said that a better alternative would have been to stay outside instead of in.

Mr. Babbitt married Miss Mary Gorham, a daughter of James A. and Mary A. (Smith) Gorham, both of whom passed away in 1876. The father for many years was a merchant at Cleveland, Ohio, and his daughter Mary was born there, March 11, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Babbitt became the parents of nine children. Ellen is now Mrs. McConville and has five children. Frank married Laura Phillips, by whom he has one child and farms in Delmar township. Isaac first married Anna Hogan, who died, and he subsequently wedded a Miss Wedon, by whom he has one child. He is a successful farmer in Idaho. Grace married Jacob Braun, a merchant of Appleton, Wisconsin, by whom she has two children. Julian married Ellen McTauge who bore him three children. He and his family live at Boyd, Wisconsin, where Julian Babbitt is engaged in the contracting and building business. Josephine married Fred Etten, a farmer of Edson township, by whom she has six children. Benjamin, who farms in Delmar township, married Mabel Phillips, by whom he has five children. Louisa married Adolph Milling, who farms in Edson township, and they have two children. Wellman, the youngest of the family, is also married and makes his home in Idaho.

Mr. Babbitt is one of the most successful agriculturists and stock-raisers of Chippewa county, where he has done much toward progress and advancement. His political convictions lead him to the support of the republican party. For nine years he has served as chairman of the board of trustees of Sigel township; for twenty years he has been a member of the school board, and for two years a township supervisor. He is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Babbitt is the oldest living charter member of Neuberg lodge, No. 379, F. & A. M., of Cleveland which was organized in 1868. Mr. Babbitt enjoys in full measure the good will and confidence of all who know him and is one of the most highly respected citizens in Chippewa county. Success has come to him as the result of incessant labor and practical, modern methods, and such prosperity as is his is highly merited. Not only has Mr. Babbitt attained personal success, but he has done much toward advancement in Sigel township and honor is due him for the efforts which he has made along various lines in the interests of the general public.

WILLIAM NABOR.

The agricultural interests of Chippewa county find a worthy and successful representative in William Nabor, who owns and operates a farm of one hundred and ninety acres on section 1, Tilden township. He is a native son of the county, having been born here on the 25th of December, 1868. His parents, Fred and Julia (Torno) Nabor, are both deceased, the father passing away on the 20th of December, 1911, and the mother on the 26th of May, 1899. Their remains were interred in the Eagle Point cemetery. They had gained many friends here and their demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

William Nabor attended the schools of this county in the acquirement of an education until seventeen years of age and after putting aside his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until the latter's death. At

that time he came into possession of the property, comprising one hundred and ninety acres on section 1, Tilden township, where he has since been engaged in mixed farming. In connection with the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he devotes considerable attention to live stock, keeping about eight horses, thirty cattle, forty-eight hogs and thirteen sheep. He erected the residence and other buildings which adorn the place and is well entitled to recognition among the substantial and representative agriculturists of his community.

April 6, 1899, at Eagle Point, Mr. Nabor was joined in wedlock to Miss Martha Polanski, a daughter of Lewis Polanski, of Eagleton, Chippewa county. Our subject and his wife now have three children: Fred, Lewis and Arnold. In his political views Mr. Nabor is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons. His entire life has been spent within the borders of Chippewa county and he enjoys the respect and confidence of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

MRS. EMMA WOODRUFF.

Mrs. Emma Woodruff, the widow of A. N. Woodruff, has spent practically her entire life in Chippewa county, being brought here by her parents in 1868, when but one year old. She successfully followed the profession of teaching in Chippewa Falls for about thirteen years and now owns and resides upon a valuable farm of four hundred acres on section 8, Eagle Point township. Her birth occurred on the 13th of July, 1867, her parents being Abel and Agnes (McMaster) Sellers, the former born on the 28th of March, 1837, and the latter on the 10th of June, 1840. They have reached the ages of seventy-six and seventy-three years respectively and make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Woodruff. The period of their residence here covers forty-five years and the circle of their friends and acquaintances is very large. The Sellers and Woodruff families are among the oldest in the county.

Emma Sellers acquired her early education in Chippewa Falls and subsequently attended the State Normal School at River Falls, Wisconsin, until nineteen years of age. She then taught in the public schools of Chippewa Falls for several years, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge which she had acquired. On the 10th of June, 1896, she gave her hand in marriage to A. N. Woodruff, who was born on the 12th of March, 1854, a son of James and Alzina (Joslin) Woodruff, the former of whom died here, July 19, 1898. His widow is now residing in Gibbon, Nebraska.

A. N. Woodruff attended the public schools of Chippewa county until a youth of eighteen years and subsequently assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until twenty-five years of age, when he took possession of the property which is now known as the Woodruff place. He was successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, leaving his widow a rich and productive farm of four hundred acres on section 8, Eagle Point township. His demise occurred on the 22d of October, 1908, and his remains were interred in the Forest Hill cemetery at Chippewa Falls.



MR. AND AND MRS. A. N. WOODRUFF AND FAMILY



A GROUP OF PIONEERS OF CHIPPEWA COUNTY

Mrs. Minna Joslin Woodruff, Mrs. Minerva Joslin Stowell, Mrs. Lucia Joslin Hicks
James H. Woodruff, Mrs. Belinda Joslin Waterman, Joel Waterman

He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and held several school offices, ably serving the cause of education for a number of years. Fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Foresters.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff were born five children, namely: Vivian A., Ella M., Truman B., Lloyd A. and Leslie C. All are still at home. The family home is one which was built by the Woodruffs in 1872 and is still a handsome and attractive residence. Mrs. Woodruff is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist church, exemplifying its teachings in her daily life. Her many excellent traits of heart and mind have won her the high esteem and friendship of all with whom she has come in contact.

HENRY McCANN.

A farm of three hundred and sixty acres situated seven miles southeast of Bloomer is the well developed property of Henry McCann. The place presents a neat and thrifty appearance and indicates the careful supervision and practical methods of the owner who carries on general farming and dairying. Mr. McCann has been a life long resident of this county, his birth having occurred at Jim Falls on the eleventh of March, 1866. His father, Dan McCann, was a native of Ohio and became one of the pioneer settlers of Chippewa County. He made his way to Wisconsin when a young man of twenty-one years and here engaged in farming and in the lumber business. He made his home at Jim Falls for a number of years but died in Chippewa Falls on the eighth of November, 1890. He had reached a ripe old age, having been born on the first of January, 1816. It was in 1837 that he arrived in this county finding a district largely undeveloped and unimproved. Much of the native timber was still standing. Chippewa Falls had not been founded and there was no house on this side of Eau Claire. Mr. McCann was accompanied by his two brothers and they became actively identified with the improvement of the county. They built the first Badger Mills and were among the pioneers in the milling business. They had a hand saw and manufactured much of the first lumber used in the county. As the years passed Dan McCann bore his full share in the work of general development and he lived to see notable changes in the county. He married Margaret LaPoint a native of Canada, the wedding being celebrated at Prairie du Chien. Mrs. McCann, who was born in 1821, passed away October 4, 1907, at Chippewa Falls.

Henry McCann, who was one of a family of sixteen children, pursued his education in the schools of his native town. Throughout much of his life he has followed farming and until the last four years has devoted the winter months to lumbering and logging. He took up his abode upon his present farm in 1902 and has made all of the improvements upon the place. It is an attractive and well kept property and he has some of the best farming buildings in Eagle Point township. He uses the latest improved machinery to carry on the work of the fields and in addition to raising the crops best adapted to the soil and climate he also conducts a dairy business keeping a number of cows for this purpose.

Mr. McCann was married June 24, 1889, to Miss Mary Kirchner of Jim Falls and they became the parents of seven children, but Bessie, the second in order of

birth, and Ruth, the fourth, are now deceased. Those still living are Arthur, Alan, Walter, Jessie and Archie. The family are well known in their section of the county and have an extensive circle of warm friends.

In politics Mr. McCann is a democrat, active and prominent in the party and in 1910 was elected to the office of county sheriff, which position he capably filled for one term. He was chairman of the town for two years and filled the office of supervisor for ten years. He was also vice president of the school board and for fifteen years was school clerk. The cause of education has ever found in him a warm and helpful friend and in the discharge of his official duties he has ever been prompt, faithful and reliable. He holds membership with the Knights of Pythias at Chippewa Falls and is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He lends his aid to the betterment of the community along material, intellectual, political and moral lines and his worth is quickly acknowledged wherever he is known. Success has come to him as a reward of earnest and enterprising efforts and high regard is given him in recognition of a well spent life.

FRED L. MUNROE.

The name of Munroe has long been honored in Chippewa county, for members of this family have for many years been intimately connected with the agricultural, financial and commercial development in their district. Fred L. Munroe was born in Marquette county, Wisconsin, January 17, 1869, a son of James H. Munroe, who was born in Vermont, town of Bolton, in 1837. The father is a retired merchant and now resides at Cadott. More extended mention is made of him in another part of this work. He retired from active business cares in 1894, but is still president of the State Bank of Cadott, having come there as a pioneer in 1881. He has always been active in promoting the growth and advancement of the eastern part of Chippewa county and is a highly respected citizen of Cadott. The mother of Fred L. Munroe, Mrs. Phebe J. Munroe, was born in New York in 1837 and died in 1905. In their family were four children, Cora B., Arthur J., Fred L. and Alice E. Cora B. Munroe married Edward Griffin, a mill foreman, and they have two children, James M. and Martha J. They live in the state of Washington. Arthur J. is also married and is connected with sawmilling in Florida. Alice E. married Samuel G. Warner, a merchant at Stanbery, Wisconsin.

Fred L. Munroe was one of the first two graduates of the Cadott high school, the other being a young lady. He graduated in 1886 and then became a clerk in his father's store, remaining for three and a half years in that capacity and working on a commission basis. He then bought a half interest in the enterprise and after three years acquired the remainder. He operated the store under his own name until 1906, when he sold out. In 1896 he also started a private bank in the store and continued same until 1903, when he incorporated the institution as the State Bank of Cadott, with James H. Munroe, his father, as president; F. J. Lavelle, vice president, and himself as cashier. The capital stock was seven thousand dollars. Mr. Munroe is progressive and well versed in financial and commercial methods, carefully guiding this institution and assuring it of success.

After he had conducted the bank about five years, he built in 1900 a new building to replace the old store which his father had erected in 1881. Mr. Munroe, of this review, also built the first cheese factory in Sigel township, in 1893, and operated it for eighteen years, for eight years as a cheese factory only and for ten years as a cheese and butter factory. He continued along that line until 1911, when he sold out to good advantage.

September 26, 1894, Mr. Munroe married Miss Hattie St. Louis, a daughter of Thomas and Jennie (Renaud) St. Louis, of Appleton, Wisconsin, the ceremony taking place at Cadott. Of this union one daughter has been born, Marjorie. The parents of Mrs. Munroe came to Cadott in 1892, the father being a millwright by profession. They now live in Missouri.

Politically Mr. Munroe is a republican, and although participation in the political life of the district should be a tradition with him, his father having held about all the county offices, Mr. Munroe has never aspired to nor sought public office. He devotes most of his time to his own important interests, and besides being a director and the cashier of the State Bank of Cadott he is a stockholder and director also in the State Bank of Holcombe. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, which he attends. Fraternally he is well known, belonging to the Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Owls and the E. F. U. Mr. Munroe enjoys high prestige as a merchant and banker in Cadott and is recognized as one of the most able and shrewd business men of his town. He is highly respected wherever known and has made many friends in Cadott, where he or his father have continued in business for more than thirty years. Not only has he attained individual prosperity, but his career has been a factor in the general progress of the section, and he has been a contributing factor toward making possible the prosperous conditions which are now generally enjoyed in his locality.

EDWARD WANISH.

Edward Wanish, engaging in general farming, stock-raising and dairying upon one hundred and seven acres of land on section 36, Sigel township, was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, October 12, 1874, a son of Anton and Jessie (Capers) Wanish. The father was born in Manitowoc county, this state, and after reaching manhood turned his attention to farming, an occupation which he still follows being now a resident of Glenmore township, Brown county. The mother is a native of Bohemia. They became the parents of seven children: Edward, Joseph, Mary, Annie and Frank, twins, Emma and James.

Edward Wanish acquired his education in the public schools of Brown county, attending until he was fourteen years of age. After laying aside his books he worked at carpentering until 1901 and in that year began farming, buying one hundred and sixty acres on section 30, township 28, this county. He afterward sold this tract and bought another similar in extent, this land lying on section 31, township 28, range 6 west. After living upon this a short time he again disposed of his holdings and then purchased the farm upon which he has since resided. This is located on section 36, township 29, range 6 west and comprises

one hundred and seven acres of choice land. Mr. Wanish has made excellent improvements upon it and has been very successful in its cultivation, his farming, dairying and stock-raising interests being extensive and important. He raises all kinds of grain and feeds twelve head of cattle, keeping also six horses. In addition to this he is a stockholder in the Citizens State Bank at Boyd and his ability is recognized and respected in business circles.

In Glenmore township, Brown county, on the 18th of January, 1899, Mr. Wanish married Miss Mary Fedler, a daughter of Wenzel and Katherine (Kadlets) Fedler, the former a large farmer and cheese maker in that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Wanish have become the parents of six children: Clara, John, deceased, Helen, Havey, Alice and William. The parents are members of the St. Joseph's Catholic church at Boyd and Mr. Wanish belongs to Z. C. B. J. of Green Bay, Wisconsin. He votes independently and is interested in public affairs although not active as an office seeker. Throughout his section of the county he is recognized as a prosperous farmer and a representative citizen and he commands the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

THEODORE HEITING.

Theodore Heiting, president of the Stanley Woodenware Company, and by virtue of this position and the force of his ability and energy, one of the leading business men of the city, was born in Hollentown, Wisconsin, May 15, 1872. He is a son of John and Johanna (Airing) Heiting, natives of Holland, the former born in 1830 and the latter in 1840. The parents came to Calumet county this state in 1870, and there the father still resides, having survived his wife since 1889. In their family were nine children: John, Henry, Barney, Antone, Theodore, Frank, Joseph, Annie and Theresa.

Theodore Heiting acquired his education in the Hollentown district school, laying aside his books when he was fourteen years of age. He afterward worked upon his father's farm until he was seventeen and then engaged in agricultural pursuits in the employ of others, until he was twenty-five, at which time he moved to Clark county. In partnership with his brother, Frank, he purchased there, one hundred and twenty acres of land, and this they farmed for five years. At the end of that time they disposed of their holdings and turned their attention to business, erecting a cheese box factory in Stanley. They incorporated this under the name of Stanley Woodenware Company, with the following officers: Frank Heiting, president; Theodore Heiting, vice president; Nels Stahlhein, secretary; and Joseph Walsdorf, treasurer. After three years Mr. Heiting of this review purchased Mr. Stahlhein's interest and was made president of the concern, a position which he still occupies. He bought his brother Frank's stock in 1912 and the officers of the company are now as follows: Theodore Heiting, president and secretary; and Joseph Walsdorf, vice president and treasurer. The company is one of the most prominent of its kind in this part of Wisconsin and the business it controls is growing rapidly, for it is conducted along modern and progressive lines and its policy is at all times straightforward and honorable.

On the 29th of July, 1896, in Hollentown, Mr. Heiting married Miss Annie Lensen, a daughter of George and Catherine Lensen, the former a well known farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Heiting have seven children: Minnie; Johnnie; Katie; Evangeline; Lillian; Wilfred; and Harold.

Mr. Heiting is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is connected fraternally with the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Order of Owls. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and for one year he served as a member of the school board of Clark county. In addition to his one-half interest in the mill operated by the Stanley Woodenware Company, he owns also an attractive residence in the town and forty acres of timber land in Taylor county. His interests are all carefully and capably conducted and have brought him a gratifying and well deserved success.

W. J. STOCKWELL & SON.

The Maple Leaf Stock Farm of W. J. Stockwell & Son is one well known in Holcombe township and Chippewa county. They are proprietors of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres well stocked with pure-blooded and high-grade Guernsey cattle and they conduct an extensive and profitable dairy business. Everything is done along modern scientific lines, neatness and thriftiness characterizing the place, while the utmost care is given to the sanitary conditions so that milk of the greatest purity is put upon the market. Energetic and determined, Mr. W. J. Stockwell has worked his way upward since he started out in life on his own account at an early age. He was born in the Green Mountains of Vermont on November 29, 1860, and is the son of Francis and Harriet (Hale) Stockwell, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts. In 1865 they removed to Webster county, Iowa, and subsequently went to Nebraska, where the father homesteaded a tract of land and engaged in farming. He continued to reside there for a long time, but in 1902 came to Barron county and now makes his home on a small farm near Conrath, Wisconsin. Both he and his wife are now past seventy years of age.

Although born in New England, W. J. Stockwell has spent the greater part of his life in the middle west. He was but five years of age when the family went to Webster county, Iowa, where he was reared until the removal to Nebraska. Of the latter state he continued a resident until 1902 when he took up his abode in Barron county. Two years later, however, he removed to Eau Claire and, in 1906, came to the farm which he now owns and occupies, first acting as manager for the previous owner and subsequently purchasing the land. He and his sons have made good improvements upon the place, building a large barn, also putting up a silo and adding other modern accessories and equipments. The farm is now carefully tilled and in addition to the raising of cereals, Mr. Stockwell makes a specialty of handling cattle, and now has thirty-five head of high-grade and pure-blooded Guernseys, with a registered bull at the head of his herd. He thus breeds and raises stock and keeps many of his cows for dairy purposes, selling a large amount of cream. His farming and dairying interests are conducted along most scientific lines and Mr. Stockwell is meeting with good suc-

cess, gaining for himself a place among the representative agriculturists of the district.

While in Nebraska, Mr. Stockwell was married to Miss Violet Harvard, who was born in the state of New York, and they became the parents of six children: Lester D., who is in partnership with his father; Clinton H., who is married and occupies an adjoining farm; Herbert, who is married and makes his home in Barron county, Wisconsin; Edith, the wife of Iva Dinsmore of Barron county, and Ethel and Aletha, both at home. Mrs. Stockwell passed away in 1903, in Barron county and Mr. Stockwell then had the whole care and responsibility of the children and some of them were at the time quite small.

Mr. Stockwell is a republican and has served on the township board for two years. He was also clerk of the school board for two years and he is interested in all measures that tend to improve and upbuild town and county. He is working hard, and the success that crowns persistent effort is now rewarding his labors.

EDGAR A. FIRTH.

The career of Edgar A. Firth is significant in several respects, one of which is that ever since leaving school he has devoted himself to official life, having served in various positions until 1908, when he was elected to the position which he still holds as register of deeds of Chippewa county. The public spirit of Mr. Firth has also found expression along other lines for he serves today in the Wisconsin National Guard with the rank of captain, doing everything within his power to improve the efficiency of the state troops and realizing fully the important part which they may have to play on some future occasion in defending American principles and American rights. Mr. Firth is a native son of Chippewa county, where he was born in 1877, a son of Magnus and Kate (Blair) Firth, the latter passing away when our subject was yet in his childhood. She found her last resting place in Eagle Point cemetery.

Edgar A. Firth attended school until about nineteen years of age, thoroughly preparing himself for a successful career. Shortly after he became assistant county clerk, continuing in that position for six years and becoming acquainted with the public business of the county. For the next six years he acted as deputy county clerk and, having given evidence of ability along that line, was elected in that year to his present position of register of deeds. He has since 1908 discharged the difficult duties of his office and has given high satisfaction to the public and made a record which is a credit to himself. He is systematic and methodical and so conducts the business of his office that no unnecessary delays occur. The public is always his first consideration and he often sacrifices his private interests or time in order to accommodate someone who has to transact business with the recorder's office.

The marriage of Mr. Firth to Miss Sylvia Rumery took place in Chippewa Falls on the 26th of February, 1903. Mrs. Firth is a daughter of Ernest and Cora (Cunningham) Rumery, the former of whom passed away in 1913 and was buried at Chippewa Falls. The mother now resides at Lusk, Wyoming. Mr. and

Mrs. Firth reside at No. 207 High street and there often welcome their many friends, who delight to gather at their hospitable fireside.

Mr. Firth has an interesting military record to his credit, holding the commission of captain in Company C, Tenth Battalion of Infantry, Wisconsin National Guard. He has been with this organization since July 26, 1898, when the company was organized upon the first call for troops. The young soldiers, however, were not called upon for active service but remained at home. Captain Firth is deeply interested in fostering the military spirit among his men, realizing the value of training and obedience, for these characteristics have made him so successful in the discharge of his public duties as register of deeds and he therefore receives not only the highest commendation of the people but also enjoys their confidence and good-will.

ANDREW KORN.

Prominent among Stanley's business men of ability is Andrew Korn, the proprietor of The Square Deal, a general merchandise store. Mr. Korn has been the owner of this store only since July, 1913, but was previously well known in the commercial life of Stanley as manager of the Northwestern Lumber Company's store there. He was born in Austria, May 28, 1871, and is a son of Andrew and Anna M. (Lacher) Korn. The father, a farmer by occupation, became a resident of West Bend, Wisconsin, May 10, 1883, and of Stanley in June, 1886. Here he made his home for more than twenty-one years, passing away September 6, 1907, while his widow still survives. Their children were: Josephine, who is the wife of Frank Wald, of Stanley; Andrew, of this review; Frank and Anthony, both of whom are residents of Stanley; Mary, who gave her hand in marriage to John Cance of Stanley; and Albert, also living in Stanley.

Only limited educational opportunities were enjoyed by Andrew Korn. He attended school for but four months yet in the school of experience has learned many valuable lessons. His youth was largely a period of earnest and unremitting toil and he worked upon the home farm to the age of nineteen years. He entered the mercantile business in the employ of the Northwestern Lumber Company, gradually working his way upward to the position of manager of the company's store at Stanley, his ability and energy finding recognition in promotion. He served efficiently and conscientiously as manager until July, 1913, when he resigned that position and went into business for himself, buying a general merchandise store which he conducts under the name, The Square Deal. He now owns his residence and some city property and he is a stockholder in the Citizens Bank. He ranks with the leading, resourceful and enterprising business men of Stanley and is widely and favorably known through Chippewa county.

On the 13th of July, 1898, Mr. Korn was married at Augusta, Wisconsin, to Miss Rosetta Rick, a daughter of Charles and Pauline (Breur) Rick. The father, a farmer, died December 31, 1912, but the mother is still living at Augusta. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Korn have been born three children: Fritz, fourteen years of age; Arnholt and Reinholt, twins, six years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Korn are members of the German Catholic church and Mr. Korn is a republican, identified with the Progressive League of Stanley. He has made wise use of his time, talents and opportunities, and as the years have gone by his employment of the advantages which have come to him has brought him a gratifying measure of affluence and given him position among the representative and valued citizens of his adopted county.

GEORGE LOTZ.

Energy, determination and enterprise have been the basis of the success of George Lotz and brought him to an enviable place in industrial circles of Boyd, where he is well known as the owner of a large and valuable bee supply factory. He was born in Sigel township, this county, September 4, 1869 and is a son of August and Amelia Lotz, the former born in Germany in 1847. He is today a prosperous farmer and bee-keeper in Delmar township.

George Lotz attended public school in Sigel township until he was sixteen years of age, and after laying aside his books assisted his father with the work of the homestead. They kept a great number of bees and this fact called their attention to the difficulty of obtaining bee supplies. Recognizing a rare business opportunity they erected upon the farm a plant for the manufacture of these supplies. Their trade extended so rapidly that in a short time the business had outgrown the original premises, necessitating the erection of a new factory. This was built at Boyd in 1909 and has been in charge of George Lotz since that time. Under his able management it has become a large, productive enterprise and is considered an important addition to the industrial resources of this section of the state. The plant is valued at fourteen thousand dollars and the trade controlled by the owner is important and representative. In addition to being a manufacturer Mr. Lotz is also a bee fancier of considerable reputation and he raises a great number of bees, he and his father owning over two hundred and fifty hives.

Mr. Lotz is a member of the Lutheran church. He is independent in his political beliefs and served for three years as a member of the school board of Sigel township, discharging his duties in a creditable and able way. A great many of his leisure hours are spent hunting and fishing, sports in which he takes great delight and in which he is very proficient. He is numbered among the progressive and enterprising business men of Boyd and his success has been entirely the result of his own industry, integrity and ability.

CONRAD WILLIAM WILKOWSKE, M. D.

Dr. Conrad William Wilkowske, a practicing physician and surgeon of Chippewa Falls, has maintained offices in the Union block since November, 1908, and enjoys an enviable reputation for his skill in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, being the only specialist in the city. His birth occurred in Morristown, Minnesota, on the 20th of June, 1874, his parents being Rudolph H. and Ida M. (Kopiske) Wilkowske. The father, a pioneer of Wis-

consin, removed to Minnesota during the period of the Civil war and in the latter state devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his active business career. He is now living retired at Faribault, Minnesota. His wife was called to her final rest in May, 1898, and lies buried at Morristown, Minnesota. The family is of German origin.

Conrad W. Wilkowske acquired his primary education in a district school at Morristown, Minnesota, and afterward continued his studies in St. Paul's College. Subsequently he taught school for one year and on the expiration of that period embarked in business with his brother, F. H., at Morristown. In the fall of 1900 he entered the University of Minnesota and four years later was graduated from that institution with the degree of M. D. He opened an office at Arlington, Minnesota, and there practiced medicine for seven months, at the end of which time he removed to Faribault, which remained the scene of his professional labors until the spring of 1908. At that time he journeyed to Europe and pursued post-graduate work at Vienna. After returning to the United States he settled at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, in November, 1908, and has there maintained his offices to the present time, specializing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He is the only specialist in the city and has been accorded a liberal and lucrative practice in recognition of his skill and ability in the line of his chosen profession. Through his membership in the Chippewa County Medical Society, the Eau Claire County Medical Society, the Wisconsin State Medical Society and the American Medical Association he keeps in close touch with the progress that is being continually made by the fraternity.

On the 4th of June, 1896, at Morristown, Minnesota, Dr Wilkowske was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. Kisor, a daughter of Aaron and Sarah G. (Dunlavy) Kisor. The father, a pioneer agriculturist of Wisconsin, removed from this state to Minnesota, where he spent the remainder of his life, his demise occurring in 1908 and his burial taking place at Morristown. His widow still resides at that place. Our subject and his wife have two children, namely: Sarah G., who is a high school student; and Conrad W., an adopted son. The family residence is at No. 410 Superior street, Chippewa Falls.

In politics Dr. Wilkowske is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and he is also a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge. He is appreciative of the social amenities of life and his genial qualities have won him many friends, but his attention is preeminently given to his professional duties.

LEONARD G. W. HART, V. S.

Dr. Leonard G. W. Hart, proprietor of the Veterinary Infirmary at Chippewa Falls and since 1903 in active and successful practice here as a veterinary surgeon, was born in Le Roy, Minnesota, July 29, 1871. He is a son of George and Emma J. (De Line) Hart, the former a merchant tailor in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The latter died in 1902 and is buried in Lake View cemetery, that city.

Dr. Leonard G. W. Hart acquired his primary education in the public schools of Eau Claire and at the age of fourteen went to Europe in order to study veterinary surgery. After one year he returned home and until 1890 assisted his father with the work of the farm, after which he went to Toronto, entering the Ontario Veterinary College, from which he received his degree in March, 1892. Immediately afterward he opened an office at Eau Claire, where he built up a representative practice, conducting it successfully until 1903, when he moved to Chippewa Falls, where he still resides. He established a veterinary infirmary here, measuring forty by sixty feet, with operating rooms, sixteen by thirty feet. The infirmary is equipped with everything that facilitates the best service and care in the handling of animals, including an operating table and horse stocks, and he has met with gratifying success in his practice, being ranked with the leading members of his profession in this part of the state.

In Eau Claire, April 23, 1893, Dr. Hart was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Crowley, a daughter of William Crowley, a pioneer farmer of that vicinity. Dr. and Mrs. Hart have four children: Margaret H., a graduate of the Chippewa Falls high school; Leonard G. W., Jr., a student in the high school; and Bessie and James M., both of whom are still pursuing their studies.

Dr. Hart is a blue lodge Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. In Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls he has served as a member of the board of aldermen and is progressive and loyal in matters of citizenship, cooperating heartily in movements for the general good. He is able in his profession and well known in social circles, and he holds the esteem and confidence of all who are in any way associated with him.

CHRIST MOORE.

Christ Moore now resides retired in Stanley after a successful agricultural career. Here he owns his own residence, one of the most commodious and comfortable in the city, and also has other interests, including a valuable business block in the city, forty acres of land in Taylor county, and shares in the Citizens State Bank. He was born in Denmark, Brown county, Wisconsin, August 15, 1865, and is a son of John and Ellen (Meehan) Moore, natives of Ireland. The father, who was born in 1831, was a farmer by occupation and came to America when a young man. He died in 1903, his wife long preceding him in death, passing away in 1880. In their family were eight children, of whom five are yet living.

Christ Moore was educated in the district schools of Brown county until twelve years of age and then became acquainted with the minor duties in connection with operating the farm. At the age of twenty-four he started out for himself, buying land of his own, in the cultivation of which he was very successful. In 1910 he was enabled to retire and came in that year to Stanley, where he now makes his home, enjoying a well merited competence.

On November 15, 1889, at Cooperstown, Wisconsin, Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Anna Fagin, a daughter of Thomas and Lizzie (Radican) Fagin. Mr. and Mrs. Moore become the parents of six children, Marcella, Agnes,

Raymond, Richard, Irene and Thomas, of whom the last named passed away at the age of eighteen months.

Mr. Moore while residing in Edson township was prominently connected with public life, serving for three years as supervisor and for about eight or ten years as a member of the school board. He is a member of the Catholic church. Mr. and Mrs. Moore occupy a comfortable residence in Stanley, where they hospitably entertain their many friends. He still owns forty acres in Taylor county and also holds title to a valuable business block in his city. He is likewise a stockholder in the Citizens State Bank. Having always applied himself industriously and energetically to his work, he has been enabled to retire at a comparatively early age and such success as has come to him is highly merited for it is the result of his own labor. He enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him.

OLE H. THORP.

A prominent representative of industrial activity in Stanley is Ole H. Thorp, manager of the dressed lumber department and also of the planing mills of the Northwestern Lumber Company. Enterprise, diligence and laudable ambition have been the salient features in his career and have wrought for the success which is now his in his present responsible position. He is one of the oldest lumber men in his locality, still actively connected with the business. He was born in Norway, October 6, 1852, and is a son of Christian Thorp, also a native of the land of the midnight sun. The father, who was born April 24, 1824, learned and followed the carpenter's trade. He became a resident of Wisconsin in 1882, spending his remaining days in this state, his death occurring in 1907. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Inger M. Hansen, was also born in Norway and died when her son, Ole, was but four years of age. He is the only child of that marriage. After losing his first wife, the father wedded Ellen Anderson of Norway, and they had five children; Geina, Anton, Marie, Martin and Olaf.

Ole H. Thorp attended public schools of Norway until eleven years of age, after which he began working in a planing mill, being thus employed until he reached the age of twenty. He afterwards spent three years as a saw filer and subsequently became assistant foreman in a mill and lumber yard, acting in that capacity for eight years. He landed in New York on the 4th of June, 1880, and then came to Wisconsin, settling in Downsville, where he lived to the age of thirty, being employed there as a laborer. After two years spent there, he went to Porters Mills in the spring of 1882 and became an employe of the Northwestern Lumber Company, acting as saw filer for two years. The next five years were spent as a grader and three years as foreman. On the 13th of January, 1892, he was transferred to Stanley as manager of the dressed lumber department and planing mill for the Northwestern Lumber Company. He is one of the oldest employes of the company at Stanley and has the full confidence and high regard of those whom he represents. His long and varied experience in the lumber business has made his service of the utmost value and his capability and fidelity are features in the success of the Stanley industry. In addition to his connection

with the Northwestern Lumber Company, Mr. Thorp is a stockholder in the Citizens State Bank and in the Stanley Dairy & Warehouse Company.

On the 27th of October, 1872, in Norway, Mr. Thorp was married to Miss Oline Oleson, a daughter of Ole and Ellen Christianson. The twelve children born of this marriage are: Carl, who died in infancy; Martine O.; Carl E.; Annettie, who died at the age of four years; Harry A.; Elsie, who has passed away; Olga Oline; Dagni, deceased; Henry O.; George E.; Daniel, who has departed from this life; and Florence E. The eldest daughter, Martine is the wife of John Long, a butcher of Stanley, and they have eight children. Others of the family are also married. Carl E., who wedded Mary Peterson, makes his home in Everett, Washington, and has two children. Harry A., a lumber inspector, married Clara Soles, and has four children. Olga is the wife of Nels Mahlon, a minister at Harvey, North Dakota, and they have two children. Another son, Henry, follows farming in North Dakota.

The parents are members of the United Lutheran church, taking active interest in its work and doing all in their power to promote its growth. Mr. Thorp is serving as one of its deacons. He has also filled political offices, having been alderman of Stanley for three terms. He is a stalwart advocate of the republican party and stands loyal in support of any measure in which he believes. That his has been a well spent life and that success has crowned his efforts is indicated in the fact that he is today the owner of a good residence in Stanley and a farm of seventy acres within the city limits. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and in their improvement has worked his way steadily upward, gaining a substantial place in business circles and an honored name.

CHARLES H. LIEHE.

Charles H. Liehe is one of the most extensive land-owners in Eagle Point township and is also prominently connected with business interests as one of the proprietors of the only general store at Eagleton. He was born at Chippewa Falls in 1874, a son of Charles Liehe, a native of Germany who came to the United States in 1869, locating first in Chicago, Illinois, where he spent one year. At the end of that time he moved to Chippewa Falls and there engaged in carpentering until the spring of 1875 when he turned his attention to farming, buying land a half mile east of Eagleton. Two years later he built a store in Eagleton, and this he operated until his death, which occurred in October, 1911, when he was seventy years of age. He married Miss Paulina Dreger, who died in 1889, leaving seven children: Charles H., of this review, Mrs. F. R. Struve, Bertha, Otto, Albert, Emma and Clara.

Charles H. Liehe acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and even in his childhood assisted with the operation of the homestead. When he began his independent career he turned his attention to farming and he has since acquired valuable holdings, owning in conjunction with his brother, Albert, two hundred and ninety acres of cultivated land and large tracts of cut

over land in Eagle Point township. Since the father's death the two brothers have also operated the general store at Eagleton and have built up a flourishing business as a result of their reasonable prices, their well selected stock of goods and their fair and straightforward methods of dealing.

Charles H. Liehe is still single, but his brother Albert married Miss Effie Horton and has two children, Robert and William. Mr. Liehe of this review is a member of the German Lutheran church and is identified with the Masonic fraternity. He votes independently and has held various positions of public trust and responsibility, serving for two years as town clerk and for four as secretary of the school board. He now holds the position of town chairman and his excellent work in all of these capacities has gained him a reputation as a careful and conscientious public official. He is a man of sterling character and excellent qualities and is a native son of whom Chippewa county has every reason to be proud.

JOSEPH WALSDORF.

Prominent among the energetic, farseeing and prosperous business men of Stanley is Joseph Walsdorf, who is president of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank and also treasurer of the Stanley Woodenware Company. He was born in Calumet county, Wisconsin, July 26, 1867. His father, William Walsdorf, a native of Germany, made farming his life occupation. On coming to Wisconsin in early manhood he settled in Calumet county, becoming one of its pioneer residents. In the midst of the forest he built a log cabin and it was in that home that the birth of his son Joseph occurred. He lived to witness remarkable changes as the county was settled and developed. He was seventy-two years of age when he was called to his final rest, his death occurring in 1904. In early manhood he married Anna Nicklia, who was born in Germany in 1825 and now occupies the old homestead in Calumet county. In the family were eight children: William, Margaret, Peter, John, Nicholas, Joseph, Rosa and August.

Joseph Walsdorf entered the public schools at the usual age and continued his studies until he reached his fifteenth year. He afterward spent the time largely in farm work until he had attained his majority, when he went to Thorp and obtained employment in the lumber woods, being thus engaged until he reached the age of twenty-eight years. Nineteen years ago he came to Stanley as agent for the Chippewa Brewing Company and throughout the years of his residence here he has been very successful in his business affairs. As time has passed and prosperity has rewarded his labors, he has become a factor in financial circles and is now president of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank and one of its leading stockholders. He has also become interested in the Stanley Woodenware Company, of which he is treasurer.

On the 25th of June, 1894, Mr. Walsdorf was married to Miss Lizzie Possley, a daughter of Nicholas and Anna (Michaels) Possley, of Washington county, who were farming people. The marriage was celebrated at St. Ann's in Calumet county, June 25, 1894, and they have six children: Chester, Isadore, Arthur, Irene, Arnold and Marie.

Mr. Walsdorf is a member of the Equitable Fraternal Union and also has membership with the Owls. In politics he is a democrat and has been called to public office, serving for four years as supervisor and for ten years as alderman, making a most creditable record in both positions. He was serving as alderman when the streets were paved, and it was through his efforts, in conjunction with other members of the city council, that the paving and other improvements were made. He has always stood for progress and advancement and his labors have been effective and far-reaching forces along those lines. In addition to his residence in Stanley he owns a half interest in eighty acres of timber land. Success has come to him as the years have gone by as the result of close application, persistent energy and well directed effort, and he is widely and favorably known in the city and county in which he makes his home.

ANTHON N. FINSTAD.

Anthon N. Finstad, a young man of ability and enterprise, who has been identified with the cheese and butter making business during all of his active life and who is now doing capable work in the positions of manager and butter maker at the Albertville Creamery, was born in Pierce county, Wisconsin, January 3, 1883, and is a son of Nels P. and Karen O. (Nesset) Finstad, who were the parents of eight children, three of whom, a son and two daughters, died in childhood. Those living are, Anthon N., Morton, Peter, Alvin and Mary. The father has passed away and is survived by the mother, who makes her home in Pierce county.

A. N. Finstad acquired his education in the public schools of his native locality and laid aside his books at the age of eighteen. After leaving school he learned cheese and butter making and followed his trade in Pierce county. In 1901 the Pierce County Fair recognized his skill as a cheese maker by awarding him the first premium. In 1902 he decided to try another line of work and entered the employ of the Great Northern Railroad Company at St. Paul as clerk in the auditing department. As this was too great a strain upon his health he returned to dairy work the following spring. At the end of several years' service in Pierce county he moved to Albertville and accepted the position of manager of the creamery there, acting also as butter maker. His previous experience has proven invaluable to him and he has also found much of value in the literature dealing with his specialties. He has done excellent work in both capacities, his ability being widely recognized and respected. He is an expert cheese maker and received the silver medal for cheese awarded at the convention of the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association in 1906, Mr. Finstad's scoring ninety-nine points.

In this county in 1909 Mr. Finstad was united in marriage to Miss Hannah L. Hernes, a daughter of John Hernes, a farmer of Chippewa county. Mr. and Mrs. Finstad have become the parents of two children, Arleigh G. and John N. Mr. Finstad is a member of the Independent Scandinavian Workingman's Association and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Lutheran church. He is a republican in his political beliefs and, although not an office-seeker, is interested in the cause of education and is serving at the present time

as a director of the school board of district No. 10. He is well known in Albertville and the vicinity, where his business integrity and personal characteristics have gained him a wide circle of friends.

FRANK JACOBS.

Farming, stock-raising and dairy interests of Delmar township find a progressive and worthy representative in Frank Jacobs, living upon eighty acres of fine land on section 8. He was born in Germany, August 15, 1855, a son of Matthew and Anna (Dietrich) Jacobs, also natives of that country, both born in 1834. The father came to Wisconsin in 1862 and settled in Washington county, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1906. His wife has also passed away, dying in 1912. To their union were born ten children, eight of whom are still living.

Frank Jacobs acquired his education in the public schools of Germany and in those of Washington county, Wisconsin. When he was thirteen years of age he began working on his father's farm and he continued thus until he was twenty-seven. At that time he turned his attention to railroading, serving for eleven years thereafter as foreman of a section gang. At the age of thirty-eight he purchased a farm in Calumet county and upon that property remained for three years. In 1899 he sold this and moved to Delmar township, this county, buying eighty acres of land on section 8, township 29, range 5. There he owns eighty acres of land and has been most successful in its cultivation, raising all kinds of small grains. He is also interested in stock-raising and he specializes in dairying, his dairy products obtaining a ready sale on the local market.

In Brown county, on the 14th of November, 1882, Mr. Jacobs married Miss Agnes Jaster, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jaster, the former a shoemaker and farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs became the parents of eleven children: William, Joseph, Frank, Frank, second of the name, and John, all of whom have passed away; Matthew; George; August; Peter; Annie; and Agnes, who married Philip Stuttgen, proprietor of a saloon in Forest county. Mr. Jacobs is a member of the Roman Catholic church, is connected fraternally with the Catholic Knights and is a democrat in his political beliefs. He takes an intelligent interest in public affairs but his attention is largely concentrated upon his farming interests and in their capable management he has met with gratifying success.

WILLIAM D. SCHULTZ.

William D. Schultz, proprietor of a grocery and ice cream parlor in Stanley, was born in Germany, November 9, 1857, a son of William and Hannah (Keppen) Schultz, also natives of that country. The father's birth occurred in 1832 and in 1866 he emigrated to America, settling in Dodge county, Wisconsin, where he followed farming. He went to Dunn county, this state, in 1876 and there bought railroad land which he cultivated until his death, in 1879. His wife, who was

born in 1831, survives and makes her home in the state of Washington. They were the parents of nine children: William D., Charles, Fred, Frank, Richard, August, George, Minnie and Bertha.

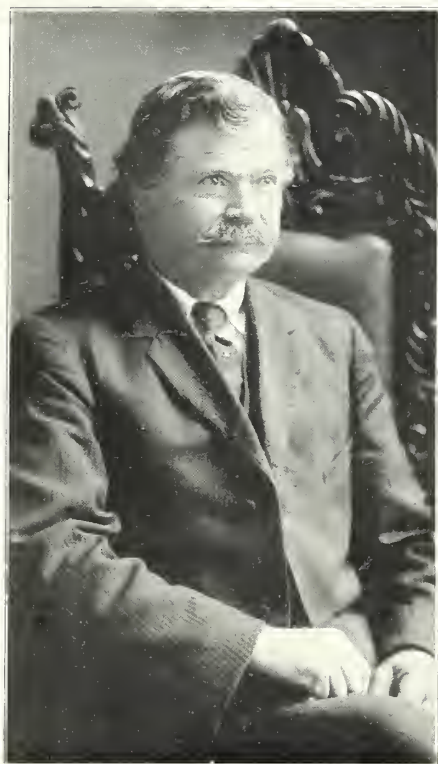
William D. Schultz attended district school in Dodge county until he was eleven years of age and then began working as a farm laborer, continuing thus until he was twenty-six. He then moved to Boyd and secured a position in a heading mill, retaining it for twelve years thereafter. In 1895 he moved to Stanley and established himself in the grocery and ice cream business there. He now controls a large and representative patronage, for he has become recognized as an alert and farsighted business man whose methods of dealing are at all times straightforward and honorable. His wife conducts a large millinery establishment and she also has met with gratifying success.

On the 16th October, 1882, at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Mr. Schultz was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Baier, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baier, the former a farmer in Dunn county. Fraternally Mr. Schultz is identified with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and has served as a member of the village council, on the county board and as street commissioner. He merits the confidence and respect of all who know him and is numbered among the most substantial citizens of the community.

FRANK GOODMAN.

Frank Goodman, a successful dairy farmer whose home place comprises one hundred and seventy-seven acres on section 25, township 30, range 7, is the owner of six forty-acre tracts near Cobban. He has also made a creditable record as a public official, having served for more than two decades as treasurer of his township, while for sixteen years he held the position of postmaster at Drywood. His birth occurred in the grand duchy of Baden, Germany, on the 1st of April, 1855, his parents being Anton and Gertrude (Spath) Goodman, both of whom passed away in that country. The father was an agriculturist by occupation and acted as overseer of a forest.

Frank Goodman acquired his education in the common schools of his native land and when a young man of nineteen years emigrated to the United States, making his way direct to Chippewa county, Wisconsin, where he began working in the woods. In 1885, in association with his brother Mathias, he purchased a store at Drywood, the partnership being maintained until 1896, when he acquired his brother's interest and afterward conducted the establishment alone until 1904. In the meantime he had become a landowner and his holdings now embrace six forty-acre tracts near Cobban. For the past nine years he has lived on a farm of one hundred and seventy-seven acres on section 25, township 30, range 7, the place being improved with an excellent set of buildings, including the only brick house in that part of the county. By means of a hydraulic ram, water is supplied to the house and barns from a living spring. Mr. Goodman devotes his time and energies to dairy farming and in this connection has met with success, enjoying an enviable reputation as one of the substantial agriculturists and repre-



MR. AND MRS. FRANK GOODMAN

sentative citizens of Chippewa county. In 1900 he built the first cheese factory in this section, giving thereby another evidence of his enterprise.

On October 23, 1883, in this county Mr. Goodman was united in marriage to Miss Anna Boseck, a native of Bohemia, and a daughter of Joseph and Anna (Postpichel) Boseck. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman have seven children, as follows: Anna, who lives at State Center, Iowa; Louis W., who wedded Miss Malina Giguier and resides in San Francisco, California; Lottie, who gave her hand in marriage to Joseph Setlacetek, of Arthur township; and Rose, Peter, Martha and William, all at home.

Mr. Goodman gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has served his fellow townsmen in positions of public trust. He acted in the capacity of township treasurer for a period of twenty-three years and held the position of postmaster at Drywood for sixteen years or until the office was discontinued. He and his brother Mathias were the principal contributors to the building fund of the Catholic church at Drywood and have remained its most liberal supporters to the present time. Frank Goodman has served as treasurer of the church since its organization. He has been straightforward and honorable in all his dealings, has manifested public spirit in matters of citizenship and has been loyal to the ties of home and of friendship. These qualities, therefore, have made his record one of honorable manhood well worthy of emulation. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and in their wise utilization has won prosperity. Chippewa county has been his home for almost four decades and he is well and favorably known within its borders.

LESLIE A. WILCOX.

One of the most enterprising and successful business men of Stanley is Leslie A. Wilcox, who, since 1910 has conducted a large department store in the city. He was born in Hebron, Jefferson county, this state, June 7, 1873, and is a son of DeWight and Ella (Netting) Wilcox, natives of New York state, the former born in 1846 and the latter in 1850. As a young man, the father moved to Wisconsin and has been, since that time, sexton of the Fort Atkinson cemetery. His wife passed away in 1891, leaving three children: Leslie A., of this review; Frank and Alice.

Leslie A. Wilcox attended public school in Fort Atkinson until he was sixteen years of age and then laid aside his books, turning his attention to farm labor. When he was twenty-five he went to the northern part of Wisconsin and there worked in the woods for a number of years. In 1910 he abandoned that line of occupation and came to Stanley, where he opened a department store, with which he has since continued. His stock is valued at eighteen hundred dollars and his patronage is continually growing, for he is recognized as a farsighted and enterprising business man, whose sagacity is far-reaching and whose integrity is beyond question.

On the 20th of April, 1904, Mr. Wilcox married Miss Ella Markert, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Markert, the former a prosperous farmer, who

died in 1908 at the age of eighty-four. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox have two children, Dale and Forrest. The parents own together, eighty acres of wild land in Clark county and Mrs. Wilcox is the owner of the Star restaurant, which she conducts successfully and profitably. Mr. Wilcox was, for more than a year and a half, a member of Company B, Wisconsin National Guard and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a republican in his political beliefs and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Christian Science church. He is a man of high integrity and sterling worth and he commands and holds the respect and esteem of his friends and business associates.

PRESTON THOMAS FAVELL.

Preston Thomas Favell, holding a position of distinctive precedence in financial circles of Chippewa Falls as cashier of the Northwestern State Bank, has been connected with banking interests here since 1890 and has held his present responsible position since 1904. He was born in Royalton, Wisconsin, August 13, 1862, and is a son of Joseph and Laura (Hayward) Favell, the former one of the early loggers in this state and a pioneer of 1840. He has passed away and is buried in Royalton. The family is of English origin and has been in America for a number of years, its representatives having first settled in this country about the year 1830.

Preston Thomas Favell acquired his education in the district schools of Waupaca county and in the high school at Waupaca, laying aside his books at the age of fifteen. He then became telegraph operator for the old Green Bay & Minnesota Railroad Company, retaining this connection for five years thereafter. At the end of that time he moved to Winona, Minnesota, where he was employed in the general freight office of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad for about one year. In 1882 he moved to Chippewa Falls and here secured a position as American Express agent and manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, remaining thus until 1890. In that year he became connected with financial interests of the city, entering the Lumbermens National Bank as assistant cashier, a position which he held until 1904, when he accepted the office of cashier of the Northwestern State Bank. He is still serving in that capacity and is also a director in the institution, being well known in banking circles as a man of sound judgment, far-reaching sagacity and great ability as a financier.

In Green Bay, Wisconsin, August 15, 1881, Mr. Favell was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Eisman, a daughter of John G. and Catherine (Imig) Eisman, the former an early settler in Wisconsin and a well known merchant. Both have passed away and are buried at Waukesha, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Favell became the parents of four children: Leslie D., who met death by drowning when he was sixteen years of age and who is buried in the Forest Hill cemetery, Chippewa Falls; Harry P., bookkeeper in the Northwestern State Bank; Eugene G., office manager of the Hunter Land Company in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Lucille A., a student in the Chippewa Falls high school.

Mr. Favell is worshipful master of the Masonic lodge of Chippewa Falls and well known in that organization. He is a member of the Presbyterian church

and a republican in his political beliefs. Since 1900 he has done efficient and conscientious work as secretary of the board of education and has been president of the Progressive League and treasurer of the North Wisconsin State Fair Association. He is now president of Group No. 1, Wisconsin Bankers Association and his ability is widely recognized in financial circles.

FRED JENSEN.

Through well directed business activity and enterprise Fred Jensen has gained recognition as one of the representative and able business men of Stanley, where he is manager of the Stanley Dairy & Warehouse Company. He was born in Denmark, March 2, 1870, and is a son of Andreas and Ida (Christensen) Jensen, also natives of that country, the former born in 1840 and the latter in 1852. The mother passed away in 1872 and is survived by her husband, who still makes his home in his native country.

Fred Jensen acquired his education in the public and parish schools of Denmark and laid aside his books at the age of eighteen. At that time he emigrated to America, where for a time he worked in a hotel as interpreter for the emigrants, making four trips between New York and Chicago and three trips across the Atlantic as a guard and guide. When he abandoned this work he took up a homestead in Saunders county, Nebraska, and after operating this for three years moved to the vicinity of Cadott, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land. This he afterward sold and in 1899 opened the first creamery in Chippewa county. He afterward established a similar enterprise at Eden, in Pierce county, and another at Jim Falls. In 1910 he moved to Stanley, where he erected a modern creamery, opening it for business under the name of the Stanley Dairy & Warehouse Company, of which he has since been manager, his previous experience and his business ability making him very successful in this position.

At Omaha, Nebraska, December 23, 1894, Mr. Jensen married Miss Pearl Christensen, a daughter of Fred and Lina Christensen, the former a contractor and builder of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen have four children, Russell J., Tessie B., Goldie D. and Lester C. Mr. Jensen is connected fraternally with the Beavers and the Owls, is a member of the United Lutheran church and a democrat in his political views. He is held in high esteem in Stanley, where his ability, enterprise and capacity are recognized and respected.

GEORGE MASON.

Among the men who have made substantial contributions to the agricultural resources of Chippewa county and who in promoting their own prosperity along modern and progressive lines have aided greatly in the general advancement, is numbered George Mason, who owns and operates one hundred and twenty acres on section 1, Edson township. He is a native of Wisconsin, born in Manitowoc county, July 19, 1862, a son of Marvin and Susannah (Guewey) Mason, natives

of New York state, the former born in 1818 and the latter in 1826. The father was a Wisconsin pioneer, having come to this state in 1854 and homesteaded eighty acres of land, which he cleared and improved, building upon it a log cabin in which he reared his family of ten children. Both he and his wife died in 1902, leaving the following children, Phoebe, Martha, Mary A., Marrilla, Jane, Annis, Sarah, Permelia, George and Charles.

George Mason acquired his education in the district schools of Manitowoc county, attending about two days every week until he was twelve years of age. He grew up amid pioneer conditions and even before laying aside his books assisted with the operation of the homestead, continuing thus until after his father's death in 1902. He then purchased the old farm and continued upon it until 1909, when he moved to Edson township, this county, where he bought one hundred and twenty acres on section 1, township 28, range 5 west. Upon this property he has since resided and his farming, dairying and stock-raising interests are extensive and important. He keeps thirty-five head of Holstein cattle, two being pure-bred registered animals, and five horses, and he pays special attention to this branch of his activities, which forms one of his most important sources of income.

At Reedsville, on the 31st of July, 1903, Mr. Mason married Mrs. Bertha (Rusch) Coony, the widow of Frank Coony, a fur dresser who died in 1902, leaving three children: Violet, who married Daniel Shunk, a farmer of Edson township, by whom she has a daughter, Bernice; Frances A.; and Charles E. Mrs. Mason is a daughter of Carl and Amanda (Bessert) Rusch, the former a sawmill proprietor at Reedsville. Mr. and Mrs. Mason have three children: Susanna E., Amelia W., and Isabelle E.

Mr. Mason is a member of the Methodist church and a democrat in his political beliefs. He is widely known throughout the county and his substantial characteristics have gained him the warm regard and unqualified trust of his fellow townsmen.

OLE E. BJORNSTAD.

For the past twenty-five years Ole E. Bjornstad has engaged in the tailoring business and since 1900 has conducted a shop in Stanley, where he has secured a position among the representative and prosperous business men. He was born in Norway, December 19, 1853, a son of Erland and Guri (Anson) Bjornstad, also natives of that country. The father was born in 1819, and during his entire life engaged in farming. However, when he came to America he retired from his active life and is still living with his son Ole in Stanley. His wife's birth occurred in 1821 and she died in Chippewa county in 1910. To their union were born eight children, four of whom are still living: Thomas E., who is engaged in farming in Minnesota; Ole E., the subject of this review; Gundhild, who became the wife of Knute Johnson, a farmer in Minnesota, by whom she had six children; and Ragnhild, who married John Vager, a farmer in Minnesota, and has two children.

Ole E. Bjornstad attended school in Norway until he was sixteen years of age, and then learned the tailor's trade, working at it afterwards as an employe, until 1888. In that year he opened a shop of his own at Augusta, Wisconsin, and he afterward moved to Altoona, Wisconsin, where he was in business for some years. In 1900 he moved to Stanley and there he now conducts an exclusive tailoring establishment. He is a stockholder in the Inter-County Fair Association and he owns, beside his business premises on North Broadway, a fine home on the south side of the city.

Mr. Bjornstad married on the 27th of February, 1887, Miss Mary Olsen, a daughter of Ole and Carry (Moen) Olsen, the former a laborer in Augusta, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Bjornstad have three children: Edward, Gina and Olga.

Mr. Bjornstad is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Order of Owls. He is a republican in his political belief and he did excellent service for five years as alderman at Altoona, Wisconsin. He is known as a progressive citizen and he holds the high regard and confidence of an excellent circle of friends. The family attend the Evangelical Lutheran church.

CHARLES S. ELLENSOHN.

Charles S. Ellensohn, a valued and representative citizen of Sigel township, connected with agricultural interests as a successful truck farmer and with public life as chairman of the township, was born in Germany, December 22, 1848. He is a son of Conrad and Francisca (Mark) Ellensohn, also natives of that country, the former born on November 22, 1821, and the latter in 1817. The father came to Wisconsin in 1854 and followed farming in this state until his death, which occurred March 26, 1911. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1857. They were the parents of seven children: Eugene, Joseph, Charles, of this review, Louisa, Mary and two who died in infancy.

Charles S. Ellensohn was still a child when his parents emigrated to America and he acquired his education in the public schools of Bangor and La Crosse, Wisconsin, laying aside his books at the age of fourteen. He began his independent career as a farm laborer, continuing thus until he was seventeen years of age, when he joined his father in the operation of a brewery at Chatfield, Minnesota. At the end of six years they disposed of this enterprise and together operated a farm in Minnesota for two years. Mr. Ellensohn of this review then moved to La Crosse, where he was first watchman on a steamboat and then a wheat buyer for several years. In 1880 he came to Cadott and was for five years thereafter employed in a mill in that town, later working in the woods for three years. At the end of that time he purchased forty acres of land on section 8, Sigel township, and there he has since engaged in truck farming with gratifying success. He is a stockholder in the South Sigel Cheese Factory and his ability is known and recognized in business circles.

In La Crosse, Wisconsin, November 25, 1873, Mr. Ellensohn was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Helsapple, a daughter of Leonard Helsapple, a wagon maker of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Ellensohn have become the parents of

five children. Eugene married Anna Schuster and has one child. He engages in farming in Sigel township. Archie is a contractor and road builder in this township. He married Miss Margaret Taylor and they have three children. William is the next in the order of birth. Cora became the wife of Joseph Schwetz, who is engaged in farming in Sigel township, and they have become the parents of one child. The other member of this family is a son, Charles.

Mr. Ellensohn is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is a republican in his political beliefs. He has for many years been active in public affairs and has held various positions of trust and responsibility, serving as town clerk for nine years and for a similar period of time as a member of the school board. He is now rendering the township excellent service as chairman, his work in this position being capable, farsighted and reliable. He is widely and favorably known in Sigel township, for his integrity, enterprise and personal qualities have gained him the esteem and confidence of all who are associated with him.

ROBERT RITCHEY.

Robert Ritchey, a substantial farmer and a progressive citizen of Delmar township, was born in Walworth county, Wisconsin, February 24, 1860, a son of Patrick and Agnes (Irving) Ritchey, the former born in Ireland in 1826 and the latter in Scotland in 1809. There were six children in the family: William, deceased; Catherine, deceased; Patrick, a fruit grower in Oregon; Thomas, a sheep rancher in British Columbia; Robert; and James, formerly county superintendent of schools in Outagamie county, and now a traveling salesman in Pennsylvania. The parents came to America before the Civil war and the father enlisted in the Union army at the last call for volunteers. After he was mustered out he engaged in farming, following this occupation until his death in 1874. His wife survived him ten years.

Robert Ritchey is one of a family of six children. He attended public school in Outagamie county until he was fifteen years of age and then began working upon neighboring farms as a laborer. When he was twenty-five he moved to Edson township, this county, and in 1901 he purchased the farm on section 30, township 29, range 5 west upon which he now resides. Being practical, able and energetic, he has met with excellent success in his agricultural pursuits and has now one of the best equipped and most carefully managed properties in the township. He raises all kinds of grain which he sells in the local market and he is also interested in stock-raising, keeping fifteen head of cattle and three horses. He is a stockholder and a director in the Citizens State Bank of Boyd and in the Independent Harvester Company and is recognized in business circles as a man of ability, energy and capacity.

At Seymour, Wisconsin, on the 27th of April, 1885, Mr. Ritchey married Miss Catherine Mullen, the third child of Patrick and Bridget Mullen, of South Osborn, Outagamie county, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Mullen were natives of Ireland but came to America in 1858 and settled in New York state where Mr. Mullen engaged in the manufacture of linen. In 1862 they moved to East Troy, Walworth county, this state, where they resided until 1865 when they began

farming on one hundred and eleven acres in Osborn township. There Mr. Mullen died in 1888, his wife having passed away in 1885. Both are buried in the South Osborn cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Ritchey became the parents of a daughter, Agnes, who died in infancy. They are rearing and educating Mrs. Ritchey's niece, Catherine McCormick, who has made her home with them for the past nine years.

Mr. Ritchey is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is independent in his political beliefs, supporting men and measures rather than parties. He is president of the American Society of Equity and has held various public positions of trust and responsibility, having served for two years as supervisor, for five years as clerk of school district No. 13, and for the past five years as chairman of Delmar township. He has done excellent work in this capacity and during his term of office a number of concrete and steel bridges have been erected throughout the township. Mr. Ritchey is always to be found among the leaders in any progressive public project and his influence is always on the side of advancement and reform. In consequence he is well and favorably known in the community which counts him among its most progressive and representative citizens.

HENRY H. MOORE.

Since 1905 Henry H. Moore has been engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Stanley and has been very successful along that line, building up an extensive and gratifying clientele. He also owns a valuable farm in Taylor county and has other important interests. He was born in Edson township, this county, on April 30, 1870, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Reed) Moore, the former of whom was born in Massillon, Ohio, in 1828 and the latter in Coshocton county, that state, in 1836. The father for many years engaged as a harness manufacturer and farmer and died on April 19, 1911. He came to Wisconsin about 1866, making this state his home until his demise. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served for two and one-half years as a member of the Fifty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The mother survives and makes her home with the subject of this review in Stanley. Henry H. Moore is one of a family of five children: William F., who married Mathilda Cole, by whom he has six children; James T., a hotel proprietor of Polley, Wisconsin, who married Margaret Adams, by whom he has four children; Edward T., a barber at Stanley, who married Agnes Spears, by whom he has four children; Henry H., of this review; and Olive, who married Harry W. Cook, a merchant at Conrath, Wisconsin, by whom she has one child.

Henry H. Moore attended the district schools of Boyd, Wisconsin, until seventeen years of age and then for six years followed the trade of a harness maker. At the end of that period he engaged in timber cruising for the Northwestern Lumber Company and other corporations, being so engaged for nine years. He then came to Stanley, where he established himself in the real-estate and insurance business in 1905. He has been very successful since coming here, handling a number of important transfers, and is thoroughly acquainted with the local situation as regards land values. He has ever dealt fairly and

squarely with his customers and has therefore gained a reputation which is highly flattering to him.

Mr. Moore owns his residence and also holds title to eighty acres of partly improved land on section 31, township 32, range 4, in Taylor county. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the chapter. He finds recreation and pleasure in hunting and fishing but this is practically his only diversion from his arduous business duties. Public-spirited and progressive, he is interested in all that affects the community and is ever ready to support any worthy undertaking for the promotion of the interests of Stanley.

HENRY GANZEL.

Henry Ganzel, proprietor of a popular cafe in Boyd, was born in Outagamie county, Wisconsin, May 10, 1870. He is a son of Chris and Dora (Frick) Ganzel, natives of Germany, the former born in 1831 and the latter in 1827. Chris Ganzel came to Wisconsin in 1857 and engaged in farming and in the operation of a hotel until his death which occurred in 1906. His wife survived for some time, dying in 1907. Henry Ganzel is one of a family of ten children. He acquired his education in the district schools of Edson township, this county, laying aside his books at the age of fourteen. He afterwards worked in a factory and engaged in various occupations, until 1890, when he opened the Star House in Boyd, which he conducted until 1897. He then opened a cafe, which he has since been very successful in conducting.

On the 31st of July, 1894, Mr. Ganzel married Miss Hannah Yeager, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Yeager, the former a farmer and saloon-keeper. Mr. and Mrs. Ganzel have seven children: Harry J.; Felix H.; Leo F.; Christian T.; Minnie J.; Johanna L.; and Louis H.

Mr. Ganzel is a charter member of the Boyd Lodge No. 240 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a republican in his political beliefs. He was one of the early settlers in Boyd and during the period of his residence, has taken a leading part in the promotion of many movements for the upbuilding and development of the city. His influence is found always on the side of right and advancement and he therefore holds the high respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

NILS GUSTAV OLSON.

Nils Gustav Olson, engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Stanley, where he has made his home since 1895, was born December 17, 1863, at Nedre Eker, Norway. His father, Ole Nilson, was born at Sigdal, Norway, December 10, 1831, and passed away in 1896. He worked at the same place for nearly half a century, being employed as foreman in the woods in the winter seasons and at a sawmill and brickyards during the summer months. His long continuance in these positions indicated clearly his capability and fidelity to duty. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Berthe Marie Rolfsen, was born

at Nedre Eker, Norway, in 1837, and died in 1902, in the same house in which her birth occurred.

Nils G. Olson spent his youthful days in his native land. He was one of a family of eight children, five of whom are living. At an early age he started in the business world, being assistant to his father and clerk in a cooperative store between the ages of twelve and fifteen years. When a youth of sixteen he became a bookkeeper and so continued until nineteen years of age. He then came to the United States in 1883 and worked at Porters Mills for seven and a half years at common labor, as scaler, as clerk and bookkeeper. After spending five years as bookkeeper in Eau Claire he came to Stanley in 1895 and has since made his home here, being engaged in bookkeeping and in the insurance and real-estate business. He has won a substantial measure of success as the years have gone by and from 1895 until 1902 he was well known as the secretary and treasurer of the Stanley Manufacturing Company.

On the 16th of November, 1887, in Eau Claire, Mr. Olson was united in marriage to Miss Marie Christoffersen, who was born at Holmestrand, Norway, June 11, 1862. Her father, Christoffer Nelson, was born in Norway, became a sailor, rose to the rank of first mate and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland, November 25, 1864. His wife, Anna Elisa Anderson, was born at Dahlsland, Sweden, in March, 1833. Mr. and Mrs. Olson have become parents of four children: Bertha Elizabeth, born November 12, 1891, and now a trained nurse; Oscar Gilbert, born May 23, 1896; Norman Walter, born February 15, 1899; and Ralph Melwin, born December 14, 1901. The three sons are yet at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson are members of the United Lutheran church and are much interested in the moral progress of the community. Mr. Olson has membership with the Sons of Norway and is treasurer and trustee of that organization. His political support is given to the republican party and for two years he was assessor at Stanley and for two years was village trustee. He is also serving on the library board and the school board and is actively interested in all that pertains to the political, social, intellectual and moral welfare of the community. His efforts have been of direct benefit in promoting the public good and his worth as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged.

OTTO PETERSON.

Otto Peterson, one of the prosperous farmers and highly respected citizens of Delmar township, was born in Norway, June 27, 1866. He is a son of Peter and Regina Petero (Amenson) Christianson, also natives of that country, the former born in 1840, and the latter in 1835. The father still resides in Norway, having survived his wife since June 21, 1913. They became the parents of eight children, six of whom are still living: Otto, Christian, Olaf, Ella, Annie and Regina.

Otto Peterson attended public school in Norway until he was fifteen years of age, and then began working as a farm laborer, continuing this for one year. For six years afterwards he was an engineer in a mill, but resigned this position at the end of that time in order to come to America. He settled in Eau

Claire, this state, in 1892, and for a time, spent the summers working in a saw-mill and the winters in the lumber woods. In 1898 he moved to Stanley and became connected with the Northwestern Lumber Company, remaining in the employ of that corporation until 1901. In that year he moved upon a farm of eighty acres, which he had purchased in 1899 and upon this property he has since resided. He engages in dairying and stock-raising, keeping nineteen head of pure-blood Holstein cattle and five horses. Mr. Peterson is a stockholder in the Stanley Dairy and Warehouse Company, and in the Inter-County Fair Association and is a member of the Inter-County Holstein Cattle Breeders' Association, and is interested and active in all progressive public or business movements.

Mr. Peterson married Mrs. Karen (Mattson) Higholt, a daughter of Matt Johnson, a farmer in Minnesota and a widow of a Mr. Higholt, who was killed while employed by the Northwestern Lumber Company. By her first union Mrs. Peterson had eight children, Oscar, Magnus, John, Henry, Gilbert, Emma, Ole, and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have two children, Peter and Katherine.

Mr. Peterson is a member of the United Lutheran church and a republican in his political beliefs.

He served as supervisor of Delmar township and as clerk of school district No. 11, proving himself a reliable and conscientious official. In all business and personal relations he is thorough, straightforward and honorable, and he enjoys to the fullest extent the confidence and good-will of those who know him.

MARTIN A. CHRISTENSEN.

Martin A. Christensen, proprietor of a large garage in Stanley, was born near Soldiers' Grove, Wisconsin, on the 9th of June, 1873, a son of Andrew and Anna (Hiller) Christensen, natives of Norway, both born in 1847. The father came to Wisconsin when he was seventeen years of age and in the state followed the blacksmith's and machinist's trades until his death in 1893. His wife has also passed away, her death having occurred in 1910. To their union were born eleven children: Chris, Ole, Martin, John, Thomas, Louis, Bertha, Albert, Henry, Josephine, and Ida.

Martin A. Christensen attended district school in Crawford county until he was fourteen years of age and then took a one-year business course in Breckenridge College. He afterwards learned the blacksmith's and machinist's trades from his father, under whom he worked until the latter's death in 1893. Mr. Christensen of this review came to Stanley in 1903 and here established a blacksmith and machine shop of his own, conducting it with great success until the fire of 1906, which practically destroyed the city, and which left Mr. Christensen practically penniless. In order to retrieve his fortunes he moved to Spring Valley, Minnesota, and during his four years stay there perfected and patented a neck yoke to be used on buggies, a very useful article which has had an extended sale. Mr. Christensen returned to Stanley in 1911 and established a garage there which he has since conducted. He has a large patronage and is popular in business cir-

cles, his methods being at all times straightforward and his integrity beyond question.

At Soldiers' Grove, Wisconsin, August 17, 1897, Mr. Christensen married Miss Rachel Aspensen, a daughter of Tolab and Ingalar (Mickelsen) Aspensen of Crawford county. The father passed away in 1909 at the age of seventy-eight and his wife survives him, being sixty-eight years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Christensen are the parents of three children: Arthur F., who was born October 30, 1898; Adrian L., born January 3, 1900; and Irving A., whose birth occurred May 15, 1911.

Mr. Christensen is independent in his political beliefs, voting for the men and measures which he considers best for the welfare of the community without regard to party lines. He is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. In all the relations of life he has been found upright, straightforward and honorable and he holds the respect and regard of all who know him.

CHARLES W. GIAUGUE.

Charles W. Giaugue, a representative of a well known pioneer family of Chippewa county and prominently connected with business interests of Stanley as the proprietor of a sawmill and as a successful bee fancier, was born in Edson township, February 10, 1870. He is a son of David and Elizabeth (Daniels) Giaugue, natives of Holmes county, Ohio, the former born in 1841 and the latter in 1843. The father moved to Chippewa county in 1869 and purchased in Edson township a tract of land for which he paid a dollar and a quarter per acre. Upon it he built a log cabin in which he resided for many years, engaging in general farming and stock-raising. He retired from active life in 1901 and now makes his home in Stanley. He and his wife became the parents of seven children, Charles W., Emma, Carrie, Edna, David, Jr., Eva and Edith.

Charles W. Giaugue acquired his education in the public schools of Edson township, laying aside his books at the age of sixteen. Before and after leaving school he assisted his father with the work of the homestead but at the age of twenty-one became a lumber contractor. He continued at this occupation until 1897, at which time he moved to Stanley and built a sawmill which he has since conducted successfully. In addition to this he is a bee fancier and raiser of considerable reputation throughout the county, his hives containing only pure bred Italian and Caucasian bees. He is a progressive and successful business man, possessing the faculty of carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and he is well known in Stanley and its vicinity. He is a stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants State Bank and in the Wisconsin National Life Insurance Company of Oshkosh and besides his residence and sawmill in Stanley owns also twenty acres of land on section 30, range 29, Delmar township.

At Thorp, Wisconsin, May 2, 1899, Mr. Giaugue married Miss Mary E. Lawrence, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Lawrence, of Akron, Ohio. Mr. Giaugue is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias and is a Presbyterian in his religious views. He gives his

political allegiance to the republican party. He has made for himself a creditable position in business circles and is highly esteemed and respected in Chippewa county by reason of the progressive spirit and unfaltering integrity which he has displayed in all of his business transactions.

WILLIAM SATTLER.

Since 1897 William Sattler has conducted the Royal Hotel in Stanley and during that time has become well known in business circles of the city and vicinity as an energetic, reliable and capable business man. He was born in Fond du Lac county, May 14, 1865, and is a son of John M. and Christina (Rothman) Sattler, natives of Germany, both born in 1832. The parents came to Wisconsin about 1853 and the father followed farming here until his death, which occurred in 1908. He had survived his wife four years. To their union were born seven children, Margaret, Philip, John, Henry, William, Julius and Anna.

William Sattler acquired his education in the public schools of Calumet Harbor, Fond du Lac county, attending until he was fifteen years of age. He afterward spent eight years assisting his father with the work of the farm and at the end of that time moved to Breckenridge, Minnesota, where he opened a restaurant. This he conducted successfully for two years and a half, after which he engaged in the saloon business until 1897. In that year he came to Stanley and opened the Royal Hotel, which he has since operated. He has made this an up-to-date hostelry in every particular, for he understands hotel keeping in principle and detail and has provided the place with everything necessary for the comfort and convenience of its guests. In addition he owns valuable residence and business property in Polleytown and a saloon in Thorp.

Mr. Sattler has been twice married. In Breckenridge, Minnesota, he wedded Miss Lizzie McCann, who passed away thirteen months afterward. In 1894, in Thorp, Wisconsin, Mr. Sattler married Mrs. Lena Bandlrob, who by her former marriage was the mother of two children, John and Frank. The former is a hotel clerk. He married Miss Mazie Ryan and they are the parents of a daughter, Marian. Mr. Sattler is a member of the Lutheran church and is connected fraternally with the Woodmen of the World. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and was for thirteen years a member of the town council and for one year on the county board. He is respected and esteemed in Stanley as a progressive citizen and a capable business man.

CHARLES H. ERDMAN, M. D.

Dr. Charles H. Erdman, a well known physician and surgeon of Stanley where he has been engaged in general practice since 1893, was born in Augusta, this state, March 6, 1872, a son of Christof and Rose (Seehafer) Erdman, natives of Germany. The father was born in 1825 and came to America at the age of thirty, following farming near Augusta until his death in 1900. His wife was

born in 1834 and died in 1891. In their family were nine children: August G., Annie, Bertha, Ernest W., Julius, Charles H., Amil G., Edwin J., and Alvina A.

Dr. Erdman acquired his early education in the public schools of Eau Claire county and he began his medical course at Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio. He afterward entered the medical department of the University of Tennessee, from which he was graduated, M. D., in 1893. He had begun the practice of medicine in Stanley in 1893 and has continued here since that time, being now in control of an important and growing patronage. He is well known as a reliable and competent physician and one who keeps in touch with the most advanced thought of the profession.

On the 20th of June, 1894, at Stanley, Dr. Erdman married Miss Emma Sargent, a daughter of James H. and Julia A. (Newton) Sargent of that city. Dr. Erdman is connected with the Masonic chapter, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Order of Beavers, the Equitable Fraternal Union, the Fraternal Reserve and the Royal Neighbors, and is well and favorably known in fraternal circles. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church and a progressive republican in his political beliefs. He has held various important positions of trust and responsibility, acting as building inspector at the time when the new high school was erected in Stanley, as trustee and as a member of the board of aldermen. For four years he did excellent work as county physician and for ten years he was health officer of the city, discharging his duties in a conscientious and thorough manner. At present aside from his large private practice he is also surgeon for the Soo line. He is recognized as one of the leading members of his profession in his part of the county, and he holds the confidence of the local public and the esteem and regard of his brethren of the medical fraternity.

EDWARD E. WOLTER.

Among the citizens of Cadott who have attained an honorable place in the community through their acknowledged ability and personal worth is numbered Edward E. Wolter, who since 1909 has been the proprietor of a well managed and profitable hardware concern. He was born in Milford township, Sauk county, February 22, 1878, a son of William and Dealk R. (Baumgarten) Wolter, natives of Germany, the former born in 1848 and the latter in 1850. The father is now engaged in farming in the vicinity of Reedsburg, Wisconsin. In this family were nine children: Amanda, Edward, Albert, Elsa, Gilbert, Olga, Amo, and two who died in infancy.

Edward E. Wolter acquired his education in the district schools of Sauk county, attending until he was fourteen years of age. He afterward worked in a gristmill until he was eighteen and then turned his attention to the hardware business, becoming an employe of E. L. Schultz in Columbus. He afterwards conducted hardware stores in various parts of Wisconsin and Michigan until 1909, when he moved into Cadott and opened his present establishment. His stock is valued at ten thousand dollars and is complete in every particular, Mr. Wolter's long experience in the hardware business having given him an exhaustive

knowledge of the demands of the trade. He controls an important and representative patronage, for his business methods are at all times straightforward and honorable and his integrity beyond question.

In Houghton, Michigan, on the 5th of September, 1900, Mr. Wolter married Miss Eleanore Pumerrille, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pumerrille, the former a surveyor for the Copper Range Railroad Company. Mr. and Mrs. Wolter became the parents of five children, Phoebe Lucy Ann, Franklin Weston and three who died in infancy. Mr. Wolter is connected fraternally with the Knights of Pythias, the United Commercial Travelers and the Equitable Fraternal Union. He is a member of the Episcopal church and is independent in his political views. He is an enterprising and progressive citizen, interested in his business and in public affairs, and during his residence in Cadott he has made many warm friends.

FRANCIS M. HOLINBECK.

General agricultural pursuits and stock-raising engage the attention of Francis M. Holinbeck, a substantial farmer and representative citizen of Delmar township, whose exceptional career furnishes many splendid examples of the value of determination and perseverance in the attainment of success. He is, moreover, entitled to a place in this volume as a veteran of the Civil war, having served for three years during that conflict as a member of a Wisconsin cavalry regiment. He was born in Schoharie county, New York, April 13, 1844, and is a son of Ames J. and Rebecca A. (Hall) Holinbeck, also natives of the Empire state, the former born in 1820 and the latter in 1822. The father was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war and during the battle of Atlanta, Georgia, was wounded and taken prisoner. He died in Andersonville prison before the close of hostilities. His wife has also passed away, her death having occurred in 1881. To their union were born nine children: Francis M., of this review; Henry D.; Fedelia; Miranda A.; Geoffrey; Minnie J.; and Giles M. and Lily J., deceased. There was also another child who has passed away.

Francis M. Holinbeck acquired his education in the public schools of New York state which he attended until he was fourteen years of age. He then accompanied his parents to Wisconsin and with them settled in Monroe county, where he grew to manhood among pioneer conditions. In 1862 he enlisted in Company A, Third Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry, for service in the Civil war and he was at the front for three years, one month and nine days. He was never wounded nor taken sick until 1863, when he was attacked by malarial fever, from which he soon recovered. He received his honorable discharge at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on May 9, 1865, and immediately afterward returned to Monroe county. His ill health, however, prevented him from engaging in any continuous occupation and he was obliged to work at odd jobs for seven years thereafter. In 1872 he learned the brick and stonemason's trade and continued active at it in various parts of the state until 1911. He was a contractor for many years and erected several of the largest buildings in Hudson, Wisconsin. He resided also for some time in New Richmond, and there his house and all of

his other property were destroyed by a tornado and two of his children were killed and his wife permanently crippled. Mr. Holinbeck was left practically penniless after this tragedy but with rare courage and resolution he moved to Chippewa county, determined to make a new start in life. He purchased eighty acres of land on section 12, township 29, range 5 west, this county, turning his attention to farming. In this occupation he has met with gratifying and well deserved success, owning today one of the finest agricultural properties in his section of the county. He is a stockholder in the Otter Creek Telephone Company and his ability is widely recognized in business circles.

On the 15th of September, 1877, Mr. Holinbeck was united in marriage to Miss Ida Brown, a daughter of J. W. Brown, a carpenter and builder of Monroe county. They became the parents of three children. Frank J. is associated with his father in the operation of the farm. He married Miss Gertie Wisner and they have five children, Claire L., Glenn L., Honora W., Donald C. and Ethel M. Mr. Holinbeck's two other children, Mason J. and Archie J., were killed in the tornado. Mr. Holinbeck is an elder in the Presbyterian church of Stanley and is a democrat in his political beliefs. His success is entirely the result of his own energy and enterprise and his high standing in agricultural and business circles has been attained through continued and well directed labor.

AUGUST H. MASON.

Closely identified with various important business and corporate interests, August H. Mason has for many years made his influence felt as a progressive factor in the development of Chippewa Falls, which owes to him the foundation and upbuilding of many of its most representative business institutions. A man of force, experience and capacity, of unusual organizing and executive ability, he has by the exercise of these qualities become one of the most prominent men in the city, well known in financial circles as president of the First National Bank and in the business field as founder of a large hardware and furniture store and as founder and president of the Mason Shoe Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Mason was born in Germany, June 20, 1848, and is a son of Hubert and Caroline Mason. The parents came to America and settled in Green Bay, Wisconsin, whence in 1858 they moved to Chippewa Falls, where the father engaged in business. He was at one time justice of the peace in that city, and well and favorably known in official and business circles. His death occurred in 1870 and he was survived by his wife two years. Both are buried in the Catholic cemetery.

August H. Mason acquired his education in Chippewa Falls and, laying aside his books at the age of seventeen, went into the northern woods, where he worked as a lumberman by the month for some time. He later filled lumber contracts and, his prosperity increasing, in 1870 he established himself in the lumber business at Chippewa Falls, securing a large and representative patronage and building up, in the course of years, one of the leading industrial enterprises in the city. In 1901 Mr. Mason purchased property on Bridge street, with two hundred feet frontage, and here he established a large hardware and furniture

concern, in which he is still interested. By able management, careful supervision of details and progressive methods he has made this a profitable and growing enterprise and one which is an important addition to the commercial resources of the city. Mr. Mason is also president of the Mason Shoe Manufacturing Company, which he founded and the business of which he built up to its present proportions. He has other important commercial, industrial and financial connections, his interests extending to many fields. Since 1909 he has been president of the First National Bank of Chippewa Falls and in this connection his excellent business and executive ability have been called forth and he has proved himself a capable director of the destinies of an institution which is one of the oldest and most reliable of its kind in the state. In the course of his business career Mr. Mason has made many judicious investments, mostly in timber and farming lands, and he is today one of the most extensive property owners in Chippewa county. Upon his farms he has made substantial improvements, erecting good buildings and installing labor-saving machinery, and his property has proved an important source of revenue to him.

In Chippewa Falls, in July, 1870, Mr. Mason was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Linenkamp, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linenkamp of Muscatine, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Mason have become the parents of six children: Albert, who is manager of his father's hardware and furniture store; Bernard, manager of the Mason Shoe Manufacturing Company; John, superintendent of the Rice Lake Lumber Company; Annie, a graduate of the St. Paul academy; Agnes, a graduate of the same institution; and August, Jr., who has completed his course in the Chippewa high school.

Mr. Mason is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is connected fraternally with the Knights of Columbus. A staunch democrat, he takes an intelligent interest in community affairs but has never sought nor desired public office. He is without doubt one of the leading business men of Chippewa Falls and he owes his success entirely to his own well directed efforts and his commanding ability. During the years he has resided here his contributions to general development have been many and substantial and his name has come to be regarded as synonymous with advancement and progress.

A. C. F. BARTZ.

Agriculturist, apiarist, merchant, manufacturer and inventor, A. C. F. Bartz, a native of Germany, has become one of the foremost citizens of Chippewa county. Although he has attained individual success and prosperity, his life record is of even greater interest in what he has accomplished in promoting various interests of the locality in which he resides. Born in the fatherland on July 29, 1859, he was there educated in the common schools and subsequently learned the trade of blacksmith, also becoming a millwright later on. He continued in these two occupations in his native land until 1883, when he crossed the Atlantic in order to profit by the opportunities which he had heard the American middle west was holding out to those who would embrace them. After coming to this country and settling in Chippewa Falls he was engaged in the blacksmith's trade



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until 1898, in which year he moved on to forty acres of unbroken land on section 18, township 31, range 7. There he engaged in bee culture and for years his Keystone honey was famous in New York and Chicago markets, always commanding one or two cents more per pound than the ordinary varieties. He is still engaged in bee-keeping, having about eighty stands. He recently sold one hundred stands to John Danskin, his son-in-law, who makes his home on this place. During the most productive period Mr. Bartz sold from fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars worth of honey per year. Mr. Bartz also has discovered the secret—although to the present time bee-keepers claim it impossible—of keeping bees from swarming during the production of comb honey.

Mr. Bartz also established a store here, which he still conducts with gratifying results. He carries a comprehensive line of reliable goods and has therefore a representative and extensive trade. Several years before he located here a postoffice had been established called Keystone and for nine years Mr. Bartz served as postmaster, holding that office until rural free delivery was established. In 1908 Mr. Bartz established an overall factory, erecting a building twenty by forty feet, two stories in height, with a basement. In the basement is located a twelve horse power water wheel supplied from a dam which Mr. Bartz built on what he calls "Wet Weather" stream. When the water fails him he connects his machinery with a four horse power gasoline engine which he has installed. The first floor is used as a stock room and is filled with bolts of material purchased from eastern and southern mills. The cutting room, equipped with dies and patterns, is also located on this floor. The second floor is equipped with six machines on which the goods are made. One machine works automatically, making button holes, cutting and stitching the button holes and then stops. Another machine sews two rows of stitching, folds the goods and makes an interlocking seam. Another machine puts on the buttons, and there are also ordinary sewing machines. Six persons are employed in the factory, which has a capacity of twelve dozen pairs per day. They manufacture overalls, jackets and shirts, turning out a fine quality of goods, both as to material and workmanship. The factory is a corporation and known as the K. S. Manufacturing Company. Mr. Bartz holds the office of president and is connected with the selling end of the business. He has built two residences on his place, which is well improved with other buildings, including his store, factory, apiary and substantial barns. As the land is cleared he gives more and more attention to farming. Mr. Bartz also is gifted with considerable inventive genius and in a flattering way has been called by one of the local papers "the Dutch-Yankee." He has patented a steel wire spring device attached to the suspenders on the overalls to relieve the strain on the buttons. Along these many lines Mr. Bartz has been successful and has in that way done much toward building up his locality and making possible the prosperous conditions which now prevail.

In Chippewa county Mr. Bartz was united in marriage to Miss Ida Woller, a native of Germany. They were already acquainted and engaged in the fatherland and she followed him to this country a year or two after he had made settlement here. They have eight living children: Clara, who married John Danskin, and they make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Bartz; and Emma, Frieda, Cordelia, Walter, Otto, Gertrude and Charlotte, all at home. Another son, Paul, died in 1912 at the age of thirteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Bartz and family are members

of the Lutheran church. Mr. Bartz has ever taken a deep interest in the general welfare and while residing in Chippewa Falls served as a member of the city council. Since he has made the farm his home he has also held the office of township treasurer for three terms. When Keystone was still a postoffice he served for nine years as postmaster. Mr. and Mrs. Bartz are highly esteemed and respected by all who know them and there is none who begrudge their prosperity, for it is well merited and has been worthily won.

PETER PAUL.

Peter Paul, a prosperous farmer of Delmar township, was born in Presque Isle, Michigan, June 29, 1873, and is a son of Julius and Katie (Claymen) Paul, natives of Germany, the former born in 1839 and the latter in 1847. The father came to America in middle life and settled in Michigan, where he engaged in farming. He and his wife are now residents of Delmar township. They were parents of twelve children, eight of whom are still living.

Peter Paul acquired his education in the public schools of Michigan, but his advantages along this line were extremely limited, as he attended classes for only fifteen days. His childhood was spent assisting his father with the work of the homestead and he continued this until he was twenty-two years of age. He then secured a position in a sawmill and a stone quarry in Michigan, and he there remained until 1904, when he took up his residence in Delmar township, buying forty acres of valuable land on section 9, township 29, range 5 west. This property he has since operated and he has been very successful in his stock-raising and dairy interests, both being profitable sources of income to him.

On the 10th of June, 1895, at Presque Isle, Michigan, Mr. Paul was united in marriage to Miss Rosie Glentz, a daughter of John Glentz, a farmer in that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Paul have become the parents of five children: John H., Julius, Peter, Jr., Clarence and Bertha. Mr. Paul is a member of the Roman Catholic church and a republican in his political beliefs, serving at the present time as a member of the school board. He is an upright man interested not only in the financial, but also in the moral standing of the community and has acquired the confidence and respect of his neighbors, both as a substantial farmer and a useful citizen.

CHARLES G. STRONG.

The advanced and enlightened methods which have of late years practically revolutionized farming pursuits find a worthy exponent in Charles G. Strong, who owns an excellent dairy farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 17, Lafayette township, and in its operation has carried out many original and practical ideas most successfully. He has been a resident of Chippewa county since 1877 but was born in Camp Douglas, Wisconsin, his parents being Seymour B. and Alice (Gardener) Strong. The father was a civil engineer and laid the first

railroad into Chippewa Falls, this being the Chippewa & Western, or the old Wisconsin Central Railroad. He also conducted a large department store in Chippewa Falls and was a farmer and an extensive cattle breeder, his interests extending to many fields. He was prominent in community affairs and especially active in the cause of education, serving for a number of years as president of the school board. He died in Chippewa Falls in 1899, at the age of fifty-five, and in his passing the community lost one of its most public-spirited and representative citizens.

Charles G. Strong acquired his education in Chippewa Falls and was graduated from high school in 1893. He afterward associated himself with his father in the general merchandise business, following this occupation for three years. In 1896 he turned his attention to dairy farming, buying thirty-six acres on section 17, Lafayette township. He has since increased his holdings to their present extent and has within a comparatively short time made his farm one of the finest and best improved in this locality. He has erected a barn which is circular in shape, containing in the center the deepest silo in Chippewa county—a new idea which when practically carried out adds greatly to the convenience in caring for the stock. Mr. Strong has erected other substantial buildings upon his farm, has installed labor-saving machinery and has neglected nothing which he believes will add to its value or attractive appearance.

Mr. Strong is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Fraternal Reserve Association. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church and a progressive in his political views. He has served as alderman of Chippewa Falls for one term. He is recognized as one of the most progressive and able farmers in his locality and as a man of enterprise, reliability and integrity in business relations and his work has marked a distinct advance in methods of modern farm operation.

LEMORE CROFT.

A fine farm of eighty acres, lying on section 36, Howard township, is the property of Lemore Croft and its attractive appearance and excellent condition pay tribute to the intelligent care and labor he has bestowed upon it. Mr. Croft is one of the earliest residents of Chippewa county, having lived within its borders since 1858, and in the course of a long and honorable active career has made many substantial contributions to agricultural development. He was born in New York State, August 14, 1850, and is a son of Elijah and Susan (Wright) Croft, both of whom have passed away, the former dying in 1905 and the latter in 1903. They came to Chippewa county in 1858 and settled in Chippewa Falls, where the father became well known and prominent. Both are buried in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Lemore Croft was eight years of age when his parents moved to Chippewa county and he acquired his education in the public schools of Howard township, laying aside his books at the age of nineteen. He spent five years thereafter aiding his father with the work of the farm and in this way learned the best agricultural methods and became a practical and able farmer. This knowledge

proved to be very valuable to him when he began farming independently, buying the property upon which he now resides. Throughout the intervening years he has steadily carried forward the work of improvement and development, erecting substantial buildings and installing the necessary machinery, and he is today the owner of one of the finest farms in his locality. He engages in general agricultural pursuits but specializes in raising grain, this branch of his activities proving important and profitable under his able management.

In Eau Claire, in 1883, Mr. Croft married Miss Emma Reed, a daughter of Hiram and Susan Reed, both of whom have passed away and are buried in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Croft have become the parents of four children: Le Roy, who is attending school in Chicago; Herbert, a farmer in Chippewa county; May, who lives at home; and Hazel, who married Waldo Sherburn, a farmer near Grassy Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Mr. Croft is independent in his political views, voting for men and measures without regard to party lines. He is keenly interested in the welfare and development of the section where he has lived since his childhood and where his excellent qualities of mind and character have gained the recognition they so well deserve.

AUGUST GREWE.

Among the many thrifty, enterprising and progressive citizens whom Germany has given to America is numbered August Grewe, carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 19, Sigel township. He was born February 19, 1877, and is a son of August and Fredericka (Lubeke) Grewe, also natives of Germany, the former born September 10, 1847, and the latter in the same year. The family emigrated to the United States in 1892 and settled in Cadott, this state, where the father engaged in laboring for many years. He and his wife now make their home with the subject of this review. They became the parents of three children: William, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; August; and a child who died in infancy.

August Grewe attended public school in Germany until he was fourteen years of age and then worked as a laborer for one year. In 1892 he accompanied his parents to America, settling with them in Chippewa county, where he later purchased land and turned his attention to farming. He bought eighty acres on section 19, township 29, range 6 west, and in 1907 added another eighty acres to his holdings which now comprise one hundred and sixty acres. When the first tract of land came into his possession there were only about three acres cleared, but he has steadily carried forward the work of development until today only fifty acres of the entire property is wild. Mr. Grewe has made excellent improvements upon his farm, erecting a comfortable residence and substantial outbuildings all of which he keeps in good repair. He engages in general farming, specializing in dairying, and he is also interested to some extent in stock-raising, keeping twenty-five head of cattle and five horses.

On the 31st of July, 1911, at Winona, Minnesota, Mr. Grewe married Miss Bertha Lebohr, a daughter of Carl and Alvina (Esterk) Lebohr of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Grewe have become the parents of a daughter, Helen. Mr. Grewe is a deacon in the United Lutheran church and is a republican in his political views. He was for two years a member of the school board and is at all times interested in the growth and development of the community, giving his support and cooperation to all progressive public measures. By his useful, honorable and upright life he has become widely and favorably known and has won the confidence and respect of his neighbors and friends.

CARL SCHULTZ.

Edson township numbers among its worthy and valued citizens Carl Schultz, who owns and operates a farm of two hundred acres on sections 35 and 3 and who has by his industry, enterprise and practical methods made it one of the finest agricultural properties in his locality. He was born in Rockland township, September 25, 1870, and is a son of Henry and Alvina (Gurada) Schultz, natives of Germany, the former born in 1836. Throughout his active life the father has engaged in farming and now follows that occupation in Manitowoc county. His wife passed away in 1873. They were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom are still living.

Carl Schultz acquired his education in the public schools of Manitowoc county but had very few advantages along this line, attending only fifteen days during two summers. His childhood was spent upon his father's farm, which from a very early age he assisted in operating, and before he was twenty-one years old he was a practical and able agriculturist. From the age of nineteen until he was twenty-six he worked at farm labor in the employ of others and then purchased eighty acres of land in Manitowoc county. This he developed and improved for three years, selling it at the end of that time and buying one hundred and thirty acres in Brown county, a property which remained in his possession for thirteen years thereafter. He then moved to Chippewa county and settled in Edson township, where he purchased his present farm. This comprises two hundred acres, eighty of which lie on section 35, township 29, range 5 west, and one hundred and twenty acres on section 3, township 28, range 5. In the cultivation of this property he has followed always the most practical and progressive methods and has met with gratifying success, his farm reflecting everywhere his careful supervision and constant labor. Mr. Schultz specializes in dairying and has also important stock-raising interests, keeping thirty head of cattle and five horses.

At Brillion, Wisconsin, on the 22d of July, 1895, Mr. Schultz was united in marriage to Miss Reake Labs, a daughter of John and Carolina (Flasky) Labs, the former a well known farmer of DePere township, Brown county. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz became the parents of six children, Clara, Minnie, Alvina, Lillian, Florence, and one who died in infancy. They have also an adopted son, Albert Dabs.

Mr. Schultz attends the German Lutheran church and is a republican in his political beliefs. While a resident of Brown county he served for four years as road supervisor and he is at all times interested in public affairs. His life has

been one of well directed activity and intelligent effort, resulting in the attainment of a fair measure of success, and wherever he is known he is respected and esteemed by reason of his genuine personal worth.

ERICK MYRMAN.

Erick Myrman, who has been a resident of Chippewa county for almost three decades, is a well known hotel proprietor of Chippewa Falls, conducting the Norway House. His birth occurred in Sweden, his parents being Erick and Mary (Johnston) Myrman, both of whom passed away in that country. It was in 1885 that he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, coming direct to Chippewa county, Wisconsin, where he has remained continuously since. As proprietor of the Norway House he has become widely and favorably known, conducting the same in a manner that has made his hostelry well patronized. It is modern and up-to-date in its appointments, and nothing is neglected that can add to the comfort of its guests.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Myrman chose Miss Johannah Ackren, a daughter of John and Ronog Ackren, both of whom are deceased. The father passed away in Portage county, Wisconsin, while the mother's demise occurred in Chippewa county, this state. Our subject and his wife have one son, John R., who is still at home. The family residence, which Mr. Myrman erected, is at No. 24 West Grand avenue. Coming to the new world that he might enjoy its greater advantages, he has wisely utilized the opportunities that have come to him and has long been numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of Chippewa county.

HON. WILLIAM H. STAFFORD.

One of the foremost lawyers of Chippewa Falls, one of its most public-spirited men and one of its most influential democrats, Hon. William H. Stafford has not only won laurels along strictly professional lines but, as is so often the case with members of the legal profession, has attained to a notable degree of prominence in political circles. Not only has he served as city and district attorney, as mayor and as county judge but he was honored in 1900 by being elected a delegate to the national democratic convention. Moreover, he is prominent in fraternal circles and is also connected with the agricultural development of the county, owning eleven hundred acres of land, of which he cultivates one hundred and fifty. He takes as deep an interest in the moral and intellectual development of the people as he does in politics and at present serves in the capacity of vice president of the public library board. Mr. Stafford came to Chippewa county about forty years ago, making his way here from Clark county, Wisconsin. However, he is a native of Maine, his birth having occurred in Orono, Penobscot county, March 19, 1855, his parents being Richard T. and

Margaret M. (Field) Stafford. The father died in 1897 and the mother in 1907 and both are buried in Chippewa county.

Judge Stafford received his education in the public schools of Maine and Wisconsin, laying aside his books in 1874, at the age of nineteen, in order to engage in school-teaching, which occupation he followed for one year. Desirous of larger opportunities, however, he saw a more prosperous and satisfactory future ahead of him in the legal profession and began to read law under Lieutenant Governor James M. Bingham. Assiduously applying himself to his studies, he passed the bar examination in 1879 and for two years occupied himself with legal problems in a private capacity. In 1881 Mr. Stafford was elected to the office of county judge and fairly and squarely discharged the duties of that important position until 1889. His decisions were models of judicial soundness and ever based upon the equity of the law. While he meted out justice he was always moved by the underlying spirit toward humanity of trying to alleviate the suffering of those who had committed their first wrong act and who were seemingly the victims of circumstances. He ever exemplified in the conduct of his office lofty ideals of the noble calling to which he gives his efforts and honored the judicial position by adherence to the solid virtues which underly the law. Fairly and impartially he judged the cases that came before him and neither claimant nor defendant ever left his court without feeling that justice had been done. Although Judge Stafford held numerous other positions he has since given his time practically to his private practice. A representative and important clientage is accorded him and he often finds occasion to exhibit his legal talents in connection with important cases. He is recognized as one of the ablest lawyers of the county and ever presents his cause with clearness and force, is strong in argument and logical in his deductions. He is a fluent speaker of marked oratorical power and in addition to his ready gift of language has a keen perception and accurately applies the principles of law to the points in litigation. For one term Mr. Stafford also served as mayor of Chippewa Falls, giving the city an enlightened, businesslike and beneficial administration, during which a number of measures were passed which turned out to be of the greatest value to the growth of the community. He also served several times as city attorney and for one term as district attorney. In 1900 he was a delegate to the democratic national convention and is thoroughly imbued with the principles of that great party.

In Chippewa Falls, in 1885, Judge Stafford was united in marriage to Miss Eda Hopkins, a daughter of E. C. and Mary (Davenport) Hopkins, both of whom have passed away and are buried in Chippewa Falls. Mrs. Stafford died in 1887 and two years later Judge Stafford married Miss Fanny J. Shields, a daughter of John and Anna (Thompson) Shields, the former of whom passed away in 1898, finding his last resting place at Oshkosh. The mother now resides in Milwaukee. To Mr. and Mrs. Stafford six children have been born: William L., who is foreman of the track department of the Erie Railroad at Huntington, Indiana; John S., who is attending an agricultural school at Milwaukee; Lyman R., a graduate of the high school at Chippewa Falls; Harold E., who is attending high school; and Howard D. and Margaret A., at home. The family make their home in a beautiful residence at No. 419 Superior street, where Judge and Mrs. Stafford often entertain, both taking a leading part in the social life of the city.

As the years have brought prosperity to Judge Stafford he has made judicious investments, especially along realty lines, and now owns a farm of eleven hundred acres in this county, one hundred and fifty acres of which are under cultivation. He is prominent fraternally, being a member of the blue lodge and the commandery of the Masons, in which order he has attained the thirty-second degree, and he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of the Maccabees. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. Public-spirited and progressive, Judge Stafford has ever given to public interests as much attention as to his personal gain and has served in numerous positions of trust and honor all of which he has held greatly to his own credit and to the benefit of all concerned. He has become recognized as one of the foremost men in his community and his wise counsel is often accepted as final in matters of controversy, particularly in those affecting the public good. The success which has come to him is highly merited, for it has been attained through his own efforts and it must be the greater satisfaction to him that he can lay claim to the title of being a self-made man in the best, noblest and most truly American meaning of the word.

WILLIAM M. WILCOX.

William M. Wilcox, a representative of a well known pioneer family of Chippewa county, owns and operates one hundred and sixty acres of fine land in what is known as Wilcox valley in Lafayette township. Upon that property he has resided during his entire life, having been born there October 23, 1865. He is a son of William L. and Maria S. (McLean) Wilcox, pioneers in Chippewa county. The former was a son of Romulus B. and Polly Ann Wilcox, of Richland, Oswego county, New York. The family is of English origin and the line can be traced back through several New England generations. The father of the subject of this review settled upon the Wilcox homestead in pioneer times, making his home in what is now called in his honor Wilcox valley, at a time when pioneer conditions prevailed everywhere and Indians were still very numerous. In 1864 he enlisted in the First Wisconsin Cavalry, and served until July of the following year, taking part in Wilson's raid through Alabama and Georgia. He afterward joined the Grand Army of the Republic and was interested in its affairs until the time of his death, which occurred in October, 1902, when he was seventy-two years of age. His wife survived him until September, 1911, dying at the age of seventy-six. Both are buried in Lafayette cemetery.

William M. Wilcox acquired his education in the public schools of Lafayette township and laid aside his books at the age of nineteen. Even before this time, however, he had assisted his father with the work of the homestead and also worked for one year in the lumber woods. After leaving school he engaged in lumbering during the winter months, spending his summers on the farm, afterward adding railroad contracting to the list of his activities. Upon the death of his father the homestead came into his possession and he has since carried forward the work of its development and improvement, although he is still active as a railroad contractor. He owns a valuable and productive property, all of the

buildings on which he assisted in erecting, and there he engages in mixed farming and dairying, meeting with well deserved success. He is the organizer of the Wilcox Valley Telephone Company and is interested in the affairs of this concern, his ability being recognized and respected in business circles.

In Chippewa Falls, on July 3, 1895, Mr. Wilcox married Miss Minnie Wade, a daughter of John and Mary (Dolan) Wade, the former a farmer residing in Deer River, Minnesota. His wife passed away in 1877 and is buried in Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox have five children: Allan M., who is assisting his father; James, Mildred Steel and Dorothea L., all of whom are attending school; and William G. Mr. Wilcox is a republican in his political beliefs and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a man well known throughout the county as one of its most progressive and able native sons and he merits and holds the confidence of all who know him.

WILLIAM H. GATES.

William H. Gates is a prosperous farmer of Howard township whose successful life merits exceptional praise owing to the fact that when scarcely out of boyhood he was thrown upon his own resources and since that time has been dependent upon his own labors for a livelihood. However, he possessed the qualifications for a successful career and little by little they evidenced themselves. He accepted any employment offered him and applied himself diligently to it and thus gradually bettered his condition, so that finally through industry, thrift and economy he saved sufficient money to purchase more land and has since prospered until today he is one of the most successful and enterprising farmers of Chippewa county. He was born in Cass county, Michigan, in October, 1867, and is a son of William J. and Lovina A. (Wood) Gates, residents of Ontario, Canada, where the father is prominent and well known.

William H. Gates acquired his education in the public schools of Canada but at the early age of thirteen was obliged to lay aside his books and begin earning his own livelihood. After leaving school he hired out as a farm laborer, continuing thus for two years, after which he worked at anything he could find to do until 1895. He was ambitious, thrifty and energetic and he finally saved enough money to purchase land of his own, coming to Chippewa county and beginning modestly with a forty acre tract. Upon this farm he worked early and late, meeting with excellent success and gradually adding to his landed holdings until today he owns three hundred and twenty acres. His land is highly improved with a commodious residence, good barns and outbuildings and modern machinery and upon this property Mr. Gates carries on general farming and stock-raising, keeping twenty-eight head of cattle, twenty-three hogs and six horses.

In Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on the 21st of August, 1893, Mr. Gates was united in marriage to Miss Jennie E. Belmore, a daughter of J. W. and Eliza (Polley) Belmore. The father died in 1906 and is buried in Colorado. His wife survives him, making her home with the subject of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Gates have three children, Harry E., Eugene R. and Kenneth J., all at home.

Mr. Gates gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is at present serving as chairman of the town of Wheaton. He is a devout member of the Congregational church and is connected fraternally with the Masonic lodge and the Modern Woodmen of America. His career is a commendable one and is one of the many evidences of what patience and perseverance will do in overcoming difficulties and achieving success. Mr. Gates is an upright man, interested not only in the material but also in the moral standing of the community, and he has acquired the confidence and respect of his neighbors both as a substantial farmer and a useful citizen.

JOHN NELSON.

Among the prosperous farmers of Chippewa county is John Nelson, who owns valuable land on section 8, township 28, range 6 west, in Edson and Sigel townships. A native of Kaukauna township, Outagamie county, Wisconsin, John Nelson was born March 22, 1874, his parents being Lars and Catharine (Peterson) Nelson, both natives of Denmark, the former born in 1835 and the latter in 1839. Lars Nelson still lives on his old homestead, having retired from active farm labor in 1909. The mother passed away in that year. In their family were nine children: Anna, Lena, William F., Hannah, Mary E., John, Frank, Lawrence L. and Irwin.

John Nelson attended school in Outagamie county until fourteen years of age, when he began to make his own living by working at farm labor for three years. He then worked for one year in a brick yard and for thirteen years following was employed in a cheese factory, being a cheese maker for twelve years of that time. However, as early as 1899 he had bought one hundred and twenty acres on section 8, township 28, range 6 west, and has been very successful in the cultivation of his land. He raises corn, oats and hay and his live stock interests are also important, for he has about twenty-three head of cattle, five horses, forty-five sheep and twenty-three hogs. He is modern and progressive in his methods and his buildings are well equipped and substantial. Mr. Nelson specializes in dairy products, giving particular attention to that line of work, with a view toward the best quality of milk and the production of the same under the most sanitary conditions.

On December 25, 1901, in Kaukauna township, Outagamie county, Wisconsin, Mr. Nelson was married to Miss Elizabeth Taggart, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Taggart, the former a prominent farmer of Kaukauna township. He was born in 1830 and Mrs. Taggart in 1838. Both still reside on the homestead in Outagamie county. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have six children: Mary E., Lloyd O., John H., Leonard, H. J. and Bernicia. Mrs. Nelson is one of eleven children, her brothers and sisters being: John; William H.; Estella L., deceased; Homer; Thomas J.; Frank; Ida; Elizabeth; James G.; and Lillian M.

Mr. Nelson is very successful along his line and prosperity has largely come to him in answer to his ambitions. Coming to Chippewa county and Edson township in 1899 as a cheese maker in the first factory in that part of the country, he is now a well-to-do agriculturist, and his success is the more creditable as it

has been brought about through his own efforts only. In politics he is independent, following largely his judgment in supporting candidates. For eight years he has served as board clerk and for one year as township supervisor. He is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Mr. Nelson in full measure enjoys the good-will and confidence of all who know him and has made many friends in Chippewa county since making his home here.

FRANK DOUGLAS.

Among the young men of marked ability and substantial worth in Chippewa county is numbered Frank Douglas, president of the Saltzaber & Douglas Implement Company and of the Farmers Produce Company, and prominently connected with agricultural interests of this locality as the owner of a one hundred and sixty acre farm on section 7, Anson township. He is a native son of Chippewa county, born in October, 1884, his parents being Richard and Jessie (Cole) Douglas, the former of whom died in 1902 and is buried in Anson township. His wife survives him and makes her home in Raymond, Washington.

Frank Douglas acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa Falls and laid aside his books at the age of fourteen. He then worked as a farm laborer for five years and at the end of that time secured a position in the lumber woods, where he remained for six months. At the end of that time he established himself in the dairy business, abandoning this at the end of two years and coming to Chippewa Falls, where he has since resided. He is well known in business circles as a member of the Saltzaber & Douglas Implement Company and the Farmers Produce Company and he is besides active in agricultural pursuits, owning and operating a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 7, Anson township. All of his interests are capably and progressively conducted and have brought him a degree of success which places him among the representative young men of this locality.

Mr. Douglas was married in Chippewa Falls. His wife's parents reside in Anson township. Mr. Douglas is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is a republican in his political beliefs. He is still a young man but has already made his influence felt in agricultural and business circles of Chippewa county and he possesses in his ability and ambition a guarantee of continued progress.

JULIAN A. BABBITT.

Julian A. Babbitt, a prominent logger and road contractor of Boyd, was born in Sigel township, this county, on the 1st of October, 1871, a son of Francis C. and Mary (Gorham) Babbitt, the former born in Woodstock, Windsor county, Vermont in 1841, and the latter in Cleveland, Ohio. The father was one of the pioneer settlers in Chippewa county, having located here in 1865 when he was twenty-four years of age. He turned his attention to the logging business and was very successful along that line, abandoning it eventually in favor of farm-

ing. He is now one of the most extensive land holders and prominent stock-raisers in Sigel township owning over one thousand acres of land on section 2, township 29, range 6 west. He and his wife became the parents of nine children. Frank is engaged in farming in Delmar township. He married Miss Laura Phillips and they have one child. Isaac makes his home in Idaho. He is married and has two children. Grace became the wife of Jacob Braun, a merchant at Appleton, Wisconsin. They have two children. Julian is the subject of this review. Josephine married Fred Etten, a farmer of Edson township, and they have become the parents of six children. Louisa became the wife of Adolph Milling, also engaged in farming in Edson township. They have one child. Benjamin is a well known farmer of Delmar township. He married Miss Mabel Phillips and they have five children. Wellman, the youngest of the family, is married and lives in Idaho. Ellen is now Mrs. McConville and has five children.

Julian A. Babbitt acquired his education in the public schools of his native township and after laying aside his books assisted his father with the work of the farm for some time. He later purchased land of his own and has since added to this so that he has today valuable holdings in Delmar and Edson townships. He makes his home, however, in Boyd, where he is well known as a logger and a road contractor.

Mr. Babbitt married Miss Ellen McTauge, a native of Canada, and they became the parents of three children. Politically Mr. Babbitt gives his allegiance to the republican party and is well known in public affairs, having rendered the township and village excellent service in various capacities. He is one of the most highly esteemed and prominent citizens of Boyd and his ability is recognized and respected in business circles.

WILLIAM A. WEYENBERG.

Among the young men of Chippewa Falls who have made their progressive spirit, their energy, enterprise and ability the basis of an important and substantial business success is William A. Weyenberg, vice president and one of the founders of the L. W. Shoe Company. He is a native son of that city, born March 11, 1885, his parents being William and Angeline (De Kolver) Weyenberg. The father was at one time a retail shoe merchant in that city and then moved to Milwaukee, where he founded the Weyenberg Shoe Manufacturing Company, controlling one of the most important concerns of this character in the city. He afterward sold his interests to his brother and nephew and returned to Chippewa Falls, where a few years later he joined his sons in the organization of the L. W. Shoe Company. He has always taken an active interest in the development and growth of Chippewa Falls and Chippewa county and is well and favorably known in this part of the state.

William A. Weyenberg acquired his education in Notre Dame school, Chippewa Falls. After he laid aside his books he entered his father's retail shoe store in that city and when this was disposed of went with the latter to Milwaukee, where he took an active part in the upbuilding and development of the manu-

facturing concern. After William Weyenberg, Sr., returned to Chippewa Falls and repurchased his former store Mr. Weyenberg of this review became manager of the concern, holding this position for three years. At the end of that time he joined his father in the foundation of the L. W. Shoe Company and he has since been vice president of this concern and an important element in the growth which makes it today one of the leading industrial enterprises in the city.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 1st of May, 1906, Mr. Weyenberg was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ottilia Ruf, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Ruf, the former a veteran of the Civil war. He and his wife reside in Chippewa Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Weyenberg became the parents of three children, two of whom died in infancy. The other, Burnadotte M., was born March 26, 1913.

Mr. Weyenberg is a member of the Notre Dame Roman Catholic church and is a democrat in his political beliefs, taking an intelligent interest in public affairs without being active as an office seeker. He is a progressive, reliable and far-sighted business man and holds an enviable place in business circles, commanding the confidence and high regard of all who are associated with him.

JOSEPH ARTHUR EVISON.

The spirit of enterprise and progress has actuated Joseph Arthur Evison, in all of the activities of his career and has brought him today to a position among the representative farmers of Delmar township. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 21, and this he has developed and improved along modern and scientific lines, so that it is representative of the best class of the present day farming properties.

Mr. Evison was born in Bennett township, Dodge county, Wisconsin, September 26, 1863, a son of Joseph K. and Anna (Leith) Evison, the former born in England in 1832 and the latter in Wisconsin in 1840. The father came to this state when he was a young man and died here in 1910. His wife has also passed away, her death having occurred in 1896. To their union were born nine children, six of whom are still living.

Joseph Arthur Evison acquired his education in the grammar schools in Dodge county, in high school at Beaver Dam and in Spencer's Business College in Milwaukee. From the time he was twenty-one until he was thirty-two he worked on the home farm, which he then rented, operating it for himself for seven years. At the end of that time he purchased two hundred acres, lying on sections 21 and 22, township 29, range 5 west. Of this he sold forty acres in 1908, and now owns one hundred and sixty acres, the land comprising one of the most valuable and productive farms in the township. Upon it Mr. Evison has made substantial improvements, building a house and modern barns and outbuildings, all of which are kept in excellent condition. The owner engages in general farming and stock-raising, keeping twenty-one head of Guernsey cattle, seven horses and fifty hogs.

In Waupaca county, this state, December 25, 1895, Mr. Evison married Miss Elizabeth Crane, a daughter of W. W. Crane. Mr. and Mrs. Evison have three children, Willard, Leland and Florence. Mr. Evison is a stockholder in the

Inter-County Fair Association and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and a democrat in his political belief, serving at present as treasurer of school district No. 5. His attention is, however, chiefly concentrated upon the conduct of his farming interests, which are every year becoming more extensive and important.

JOHN MOORE CANCE.

Among the younger men of Delmar township, who have attained an enviable degree of success in agricultural pursuits is numbered John Moore Cance, who owns and operates one hundred and twenty acres of fine land on section 22. He was born in Trempealeau county, Wisconsin, October 4, 1882, a son of Alex and Agnes (Edmond) Cance, natives of Scotland, the former born in 1848 and the latter in 1853. The father followed farming in Wisconsin for many years, but is now living retired in Outagamie county, this state. He and his wife became parents of six children, Alex, Katherine, Edmond, Tena, John and Gordon.

John Moore Cance acquired his education in the district schools of his native county and afterwards assisted his father with the operation of the farm until he was twenty-one. At that time he joined his brother, Edmond, and together they cultivated the homestead there, two years after which Mr. Cance of this review assumed entire charge. However, at the end of one year he moved to Chippewa county and bought one hundred and twenty acres of land lying on section 22, township 29, range 5 west. Here he has resided since 1906, and he gives practically all of his attention to its development, following always the most progressive methods, and neglecting nothing that would add to the appearance or the value of the place. He raises all kinds of small grains and specializes in dairying and stock breeding.

At Stanley, Wisconsin, September 5, 1909, Mr. Cance married Miss Mary Korn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Korn, residents of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Cance have two children: Edmond L., and Ellen K. Mr. Cance gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is interested and active in public affairs. He is one of the most progressive and enterprising young farmers of Delmar township and will undoubtedly win even greater prosperity in his chosen field.

WILLIAM HORN.

William Horn has resided in Chippewa county since 1880 and on his present farm since 1881 and during the years has made many substantial contributions to agricultural development and has met with a gratifying personal success. His farm comprises eighty acres of land on section 28, Lafayette township. Mr. Horn was born in Peterborough county, Ontario, December 15, 1838, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Ehrhart) Horn, the former a pioneer farmer in

that part of the province. He and his wife have passed away and are buried in Ontario in the family burial ground.

William Horn began to earn his own livelihood at the early age of fourteen, working at farm labor, plowing with a cattle team led by a rope. He afterward worked in the lumber woods and on the river, following these occupations in conjunction with farming until 1880, when he left Canada and came to Chippewa county, where he has since resided. In the following year he purchased eighty acres of brush land on section 28, Lafayette township, and with characteristic energy set himself to improve and develop this property, which owing to his able management is today one of the finest farms in the township. Mr. Horn owes his success entirely to his own unremitting energy and untiring efforts, for he started out in life empty-handed and has steadily worked his way upward to prosperity.

Mr. Horn has been twice married. He wedded in Canada Miss Matilda Melville, who died March 16, 1894, leaving six children: Elizabeth; Mary, the deceased wife of Thomas Monak; Agnes, who married Alexander Wilkinson, of Colorado; Hannah, the wife of John Whitton, of Chippewa Falls; Matilda May, who married Thomas Hogan, a farmer in Saskatchewan; and Daniel, who is assisting the subject of this review. On the 6th of June, 1904, Mr. Horn was again married, his second wife being Miss Mary Crowley, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Crowley, the former a farmer in this state. Mr. Horn is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is a democrat in his political beliefs, taking an intelligent interest in public affairs but never seeking public office. During the thirty-three years of his residence in this county he has proved himself a progressive and able agriculturist, while his personal qualities have gained him the warm regard and esteem of all who are in any way associated with him.

EDWARD HEAGLE.

Industry, determination and unremitting labor have been the basis of the success of Edward Heagle and have brought him today to a foremost position among the progressive farmers of Chippewa county. He owns one hundred and twenty acres on section 29, Sigel township and by constantly following the most practical methods in the cultivation of his farm has surrounded himself with a gratifying degree of prosperity. He was born in Seymour township, Outagamie county, this state, March 18, 1868, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Eaton) Heagle, natives of Canada, the former born in 1841 and the latter in 1843. The father was a mail carrier for many years but is now living retired in Gilman. He and his wife became the parents of thirteen children: Emma, who has passed away; Mattie; Edward, of this review; Clara, deceased; William; Anson; Myrtle; Alice and Ellen, deceased; Roy; Ralph, who has passed away; and two children who died in infancy.

Edward Heagle acquired his education in the public schools of his native township, attending until he was seventeen years of age. When he was nineteen he moved to Chippewa county and here worked at various occupations, saving the money which he earned through his unremitting industry. In 1891, when he was

twenty-three years of age he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 29, township 29, range 6 west, and he has since made his home upon this property which he has been very successful in developing and improving. He engages in general farming and is also extensively interested in stock-raising, having at present a herd of thirty-three head of cattle, part of which is composed of pure-bred registered Holstein animals. Mr. Heagle conducts also a modern and sanitary dairy, and the products of this as well as his hay, corn, oats and wheat he sells readily in the local markets.

At Chippewa Falls, April 19, 1890, Mr. Heagle married Miss Minnie Filtz, a daughter of Theodore and Theresa (Schuster) Filtz, of Cadott. The parents settled in that city in 1880 and the father is prominent in the manufacturing business there. In this family were eight children: Minnie, August, Henry, Theodore W., Anna, Frank, Mary and Edward. To Mr. and Mrs. Heagle have been born three children: Gerald F., Leona G., and one who died in infancy. Mr. Heagle is a member of the Methodist church and is a republican in his political beliefs. His life has been one of unremitting labor and well directed activity, resulting in the attainment of a creditable measure of success, and wherever he is known he is respected and esteemed by reason of his genuine personal worth.

DANIEL ERMATINGER, JR.

Daniel Ermatinger, Jr., since 1911 general superintendent of the Chippewa Valley Railway, Light & Power Company, is numbered among the most progressive and energetic business men of Chippewa Falls, where he has been connected with business interests since the beginning of his active career. He was born in Alexander, Glengarry county, Ontario, in 1874 and is a son of Daniel and Jessie (Cameron) Ermatinger, who came to Chippewa Falls in 1870, among the early settlers here, and who have made that city their home since that time. The father is a well known stonemason and contractor.

Daniel Ermatinger, Jr., was five years of age when brought by his parents to Chippewa Falls and he here acquired his education, attending the parochial schools of Notre Dame. He laid aside his books at the age of sixteen and after spending one year in the lumber woods took a course in a business college, after which he started as an apprentice in the F. G. & C. A. Stanley Machine Shops. When he completed this at the end of four years he went west, returning to Chippewa Falls at the end of one year. Here he accepted a position as engineer on a canal, in the employ of the Chippewa Lumber & Boom Company, but at the end of one year became connected with the Chippewa Valley Railway, Light & Power Company as assistant in the power house. He proved his ability and trustworthiness by fourteen years of capable work in this capacity and in October, 1911, was appointed superintendent. This position he now holds and its responsible duties are discharged always promptly and intelligently.

In Chippewa Falls, on September 7, 1898, Mr. Ermatinger was united in marriage to Miss Carrie M. La Chappelle, a daughter of John and Margaret (Dorland) La Chappelle. The father passed away in 1880 and is survived by his wife, who resides in Chippewa Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Ermatinger have become the parents



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of six children: Claude, Margaret, Harold and Lloyd, all at home; and Warren and Matilda, who have passed away and are buried in Forest Hill cemetery at Chippewa Falls. Mr. Ermatinger is a member of Notre Dame Roman Catholic church of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and is connected fraternally with the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he takes a keen interest in the welfare of the locality where he has spent practically his entire life and where he holds the respect and esteem of all who have been brought in contact with him.

THEODORE A. HOIDAHL.

Since 1882 Theodore A. Hoidahl has been in some way connected with the Northwestern Lumber Company and his industry, integrity and ability have enabled him to rise since that time to the responsible position of cashier. He is known as one of the most trusted and esteemed representatives of this concern and holds a high place among progressive and successful business men of Stanley, where he makes his home. He was born in Norway on the 5th of October, 1862, and is a son of Andreas and Dorothea Hoidahl, also natives of that country, born in 1838. The father was a sailor, later employed in a sawmill and also for many years followed farming. He and his first wife had one son, Theodore A., of this review. After the death of Mrs. Dorothea Hoidahl, which occurred in 1862, Andreas Hoidahl married her sister, Grethe, by whom he had six children, as follows: Johan, Harold, Erling, Inga, Anna, and a child who died in infancy.

Theodore A. Hoidahl attended public school in Norway until he was fourteen years of age and then secured a position as clerk in a general store. At the end of three years he shipped aboard a vessel and followed the sea for two years thereafter. On the 16th of April, 1882, he moved to Eau Claire and immediately became connected with the Northwestern Lumber Company as a piler of edgings. From piling edgings he was promoted to be a knot sawyer and was afterward sent to the company's office in Sterling, Wisconsin, where he remained as bookkeeper and postmaster for a year and a half. During that time he was also managing the company's store in Sterling and this position he held until 1892, when he came to Stanley, acting as bookkeeper. In 1910 he was made cashier of the concern and in this responsible position his initiative and administrative ability have been called forth and he has aided in the development and growth of the business. He is in addition a stockholder and director in the Citizens State Bank of Stanley and his worth is widely recognized in business circles.

On the 19th of August, 1886, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Mr. Hoidahl married Miss Annette Gunderson, a daughter of Hans and Maren Gunderson, of Fredrikstad, Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Hoidahl became the parents of ten children, Anton, Harold, Theodore, Dagny, Aagot, Harold, Ruth, Theodore, Gudrun and Annette. Mrs. Hoidahl passed away June 17, 1905, and on the 11th of August of the following year Mr. Hoidahl was again married, his second wife being Miss Laura Johnson, formerly a nurse in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Hoidahl gives his political allegiance to the republican party and was for one year city treasurer of Stanley and for fifteen years a member of the board of education. He is a deacon in the United Lutheran church and serves also as superintendent of the Sunday school. His is a splendid example of the value of energy and perseverance in the attainment of success, for he started in a humble capacity and through his own efforts has worked his way upward to a responsible and important position. He holds the confidence and respect of his superiors and the esteem and good-will of his associates, being numbered among the representative and substantial men of Stanley.

FRANK LASHWAY.

Mixed farming and fruit raising command the attention of Frank Lashway, who cultivates a tract of eighty acres on section 19, Lafayette township, and who has met with a success which places him among the able and progressive agriculturists of his locality. He is a native of Chippewa county, born in Chippewa Falls, March 10, 1867, his parents being Louis and Elizabeth (Coleman) Lashway. The family is of French origin on the paternal side and the maternal ancestors were of New York Quaker stock. Louis Lashway came to Chippewa Falls over sixty years ago and has made his home in that city since that time, being today one of the most highly respected men of the community. He engaged in merchandising for many years and has been also active in public affairs, serving for three terms as city clerk and for twelve years as postmaster.

Frank Lashway acquired his education in Chippewa Falls, leaving high school when he was fifteen years of age. He afterward worked for seven years in the planing mill of the Chippewa Falls Manufacturing Company, leaving this concern in order to enter the employ of the Bell Telephone Company. He retained this connection until 1909, when he purchased eighty acres on section 19, Lafayette township, upon which he still operates a telephone exchange. He has two acres of land planted in fruit and the remainder is under cultivation in various kinds of grain, and his agricultural methods, being always practical, have been accompanied by excellent results.

Mr. Lashway has been twice married. In 1892 he wedded, in Eau Claire, Miss Stella M. Neill, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Neill, of that city. Mrs. Stella Lashway passed away December 17, 1896, and is buried in the Forest Hill cemetery, Chippewa Falls. She left one daughter, Valeria E., a graduate of the Chippewa Falls high school and now engaged in teaching. On the 26th of April, 1897, Mr. Lashway was again married, his second wife being Miss Allie Dell Waldo, a daughter of Leverett H. and Luella M. Waldo, the former an old settler in Appleton, Wisconsin, and for many years superintendent of the woolen mills there. He was a veteran of the Civil war and well known and favorably regarded in the community, where he spent practically his entire active life. He died in 1895 and is buried in Appleton. His wife survives him and makes her home at Park Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Lashway are the parents of four children: Margaret E. and Luella E., who are attending school; Harriett L.; and Henry Coleman.

Mr. Lashway is a member of the Presbyterian church and is connected fraternally with the Masonic lodge, chapter and commandery. He is a republican in his political beliefs and takes an intelligent interest in community affairs, having served in 1911 as chairman of the town board. He is a progressive and wide-awake farmer, always ready to incorporate modern methods in his business, and his industry and enterprise have not only enabled him to attain prosperity but have won him a high place in the respect and confidence of his neighbors.

FRED C. MOORE.

Fred C. Moore, proprietor of a first class barber shop in Cadott and also a taxidermist of considerable skill and reputation, was born in Richland county, this state, May 25, 1881, a son of Charles J. and Sophrona (Salins) Moore, the former born in England in 1840 and the latter in Crawford county in 1855. The father died in 1889 and the mother is living in Montana on a homestead which she is improving. Four children were born to their union: Frank, Fred C., Delpia and Ella, deceased.

Fred C. Moore acquired his education in the public schools of Richland and Chippewa counties, laying aside his books when he was sixteen years of age. He afterwards worked on farms, in the lumber woods and at various other occupations until 1903, when he settled in Cadott and opened the barber shop which he has since conducted. This is modern and sanitary in all its appointments and the owner controls a large and growing patronage for he is recognized as an able and enterprising business man. In addition to his barber business he practises taxidermy to a considerable extent, dealing in mounted animals of all kinds. A number of his specimens he has captured himself, for he is a successful hunter and has brought home more than twenty deer.

Mr. Moore owns the residence in which the family have lived since 1891, and there he makes his home with his two sisters. He belongs to the Equitable Fraternal Union and is a devout member of the Methodist church. He votes independently, supporting men and measures rather than parties and he is interested in public affairs cooperating heartily in all progressive public measures. Although still a young man he has already attained a creditable place in business circles and his industry and ability will undoubtedly bring him rapid and steady advancement.

LEO C. WEYENBERG.

Leo C. Weyenberg, secretary and treasurer of the L. W. Shoe Company and an important factor in the success which places it among the leading mercantile concerns of Chippewa Falls, is a native son of the city, born November 4, 1886, his parents being William and Angeline (De Kolver) Weyenberg. The father lived in Milwaukee for a number of years and there founded the Weyenberg

Shoe Manufacturing Company, which is today one of the largest industrial concerns of its kind in the city. He afterward sold his interest to his brother and nephew and moved to Chippewa Falls, where he joined his sons in the organization of the L. W. Shoe Company, of which he remained the active head for a number of years. He and his wife make their home in that city and are well known and widely respected there.

Leo C. Weyenberg acquired his education in the Notre Dame Catholic school in Chippewa Falls, which he left at the age of fourteen. Immediately afterward he became connected with the Weyenberg Shoe Manufacturing Company in Milwaukee and there he attended school for one year, remaining employed at the same time. When his parents returned to Chippewa Falls he accompanied them, entering the store which his father had established there. After about two years he and his father organized the L. W. Shoe Company and Leo C. Weyenberg has since been secretary and treasurer of this concern. It has had a rapid and steady growth and he has discharged his important duties connected with its management in a capable and energetic way. He has had long experience in the shoe business and understands it in principle and detail, possessing also the energy and business ability necessary for success in any line.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 20th of June, 1911, Mr. Weyenberg was united in marriage to Miss Rose De Kolver, a daughter of Frank and Mary (Vincent) De Kolver. Mr. and Mrs. Weyenberg are the parents of a son, Leo A. The family reside at 5 North Prairie street, in a house which Mr. Weyenberg has recently purchased and is now remodeling.

Mr. Weyenberg is connected fraternally with the Knights of Columbus and is independent in his political beliefs, voting for the man whom he considers best fitted for the position without regard to party lines. He is a young man of energy and resource and his ability will undoubtedly carry him forward into still more important relations with the business interests of his native city.

GEORGE WEISSENBERG.

Probably no farmer in Delmar township has attained greater success in agricultural pursuits than George Weissenberg, who owns and operates a fine property of one hundred and sixty acres on section 34. He was born in Outagamie county, June 25, 1871, and is a son of Francis X., and Anna (Brandner) Weissenberg, natives of Germany. The father was born in Baden in 1832 and after reaching maturity followed farming. He came to America in 1850, and after living in various localities during the following seven years, he finally located in Outagamie county and purchased land. This he developed and improved for many years thereafter, retiring from active life in 1896. He died in 1906. His wife, who came to Wisconsin when she was fourteen years of age still makes her home in Appleton, Wisconsin. In their family were five children, Louisa, became the wife of Louis Wurl, identified with the Hockworthy Construction Company of Appleton, and they have two children; Clara, married John Ward, a janitor in the schools at Appleton, by whom she has five children: William, a contractor and carpenter in Washington; Edward, who is engaged in farm-

ing in Ellington township, Outagamie county, and who married Miss Mata Vogel, by whom he has one child; and George. George Weissenberg attended the district school until he was eighteen years of age, dividing his time in his childhood between his studies and work upon his father's farm. He continued to aid in the operation of the homestead until he was twenty-two and then formed a partnership with his brother, Edward, renting the home property. At the end of six years, Mr. Weissenberg, of this review, purchased forty acres from his father and operated this for a similar period of time. Disposing of his holdings, he moved to Chippewa county and here in 1906 bought one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 34, township 29, range 5 west. He has since engaged in general farming upon this property and is well known also as a breeder of pure-blood registered Holstein cattle, of which he has thirty head. He specializes in dairy-ing and raises all kinds of small grains, peas and potatoes, these products finding a ready sale on the local market.

George Weissenberg married Miss Helen Vogel, a daughter of Herman and Johanna (Lohrenz) Vogel, the former a farmer in Ellington township, Outagamie county. Mr. and Mrs. Weissenberg became the parents of a daughter, Fern, and a son, Wayne. Mrs. Weissenberg, who attended the Oshkosh Normal School, before her marriage taught in Outagamie County for two years.

Mr. Weissenberg is a member of the Order of Beavers, president of the Inter-County Cattle Breeders' Association of Stanley and a stockholder in the Stanley Dairy and Warehouse Company. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is one of the most highly respected residents of Delmar township, and his notable success has been an imperative result of his own energy, enterprise and progressive spirit.

FRANK S. WEIGAND.

Frank S. Weigand, an enterprising and successful florist of Chippewa Falls, who since 1902 has owned large greenhouses at the corner of Grand avenue and Bay street, was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, September 7, 1858, and is a son of F. P. and Dorothea (Hankapp) Weigand. The parents came to America at an early date and the father followed the tailor's trade in various parts of the United States until his death, which occurred in May, 1912. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1893. Both are buried in the cemetery at Athens, Wisconsin.

Frank S. Weigand acquired his education in the parochial schools of Indiana, laying aside his books at the age of thirteen. He afterward worked in factories and on farms in various localities until he had attained his majority and he then moved to Wisconsin, making his home for the greater part of the time in Wausau and working in mills as an engineer and millwright. He afterward spent some time in the lumber woods, working as a tie maker, and eventually settled upon a farm, engaging in agricultural pursuits for about four years. When he returned to Wausau he spent one year employed in a dairy and then moved to Merrill, where

he resumed his former occupation. Here he also first became identified with his present line of business, working for an enterprising florist establishment in that city until 1902, when he came to Chippewa Falls. He is today the proprietor of a fine establishment on Grand avenue, where he has a number of greenhouses, which he erected, and he owns also a farm on Mansfield street, where he has three large greenhouses. His undertaking has proved very successful, for he has managed the business carefully and practically, and is numbered today among the enterprising and deservedly prosperous business men of the city.

In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 28th of April, 1893, Mr. Weigand was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Wiese, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wiese, both of whom have passed away and are buried in Milwaukee. Mr. and Mrs. Weigand have had three children: Julia, the wife of Harley Wilson, who is assisting Mr. Weigand with the operation of his farm; Frank P., Jr., who was drowned June 23, 1913; and Josephine, stenographer for Mr. Frost, of the Soo line.

Mr. Weigand is a democrat in his political beliefs and while residing near Athens, Wisconsin, was chairman of Johnson township. He is a devout member of the Roman Catholic church and is connected fraternally with the Knights of Columbus and the Maccabees. Although one of the recent arrivals in Chippewa Falls, he has already become an established business factor here and, being a man of ability, energy and foresight, is accounted a valued addition to commercial circles.

JOHN A. DIETRICH.

For the past thirty-two years John A. Dietrich has been closely connected with agricultural interests of Edson township, where he now owns a well improved and productive property and is closely connected with substantial and representative farmers. He was born in New York state, April 30, 1854, and is a son of Philip and Margaret (Sucher) Dietrich, natives of Germany, the former born in 1800 and the latter in 1814. The father was a tailor by trade and followed this occupation in New York after he came to America in 1827. In 1854 he settled in Brown county, this state, and there successfully engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1875. His wife survived him some years, dying in 1881. They were the parents of twelve children, three of whom are still living, George, William and John.

John A. Dietrich acquired his education in the public schools of Brown county which he attended until he was fourteen years of age, after which he worked for thirty years as engineer in a sawmill. At the end of that time he moved to Edson township, this county, and purchased eighty acres on section 11, township 28, range 5 west. In 1891 he added forty acres in the same section to this property and the entire tract is under cultivation, yielding increasingly abundant harvests every year. Mr. Dietrich operates a large dairy, paying special attention to the sale of his dairy products, and he is also interested to some extent in stock-raising, keeping fifteen head of cattle and five horses. He is a stockholder in the Citizens State Bank of Stanley and in the Miller & Myers Implement Company and his ability is recognized and respected in business circles.

On the 18th of June, 1879, at Morristown, Brown county, Mr. Dietrich married Miss Louisa Schwartz, a daughter of Daniel Schwartz, a farmer in Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich became the parents of five children. Luella married William Turner, who is engaged in farming in Sawyer county. Jennie passed away in 1907. She was the wife of Bertram Purchase and had one son, Louis. Mary married John Lauderbach, foreman of a railroad section gang in Minnesota, and they have become the parents of a daughter, Irma L. Amanda married Fred Laderbach, chef in a railroad house at Spooner. Arthur, the youngest member of the family, lives at home.

Mr. Dietrich is independent in his political beliefs and has filled a number of positions of trust and responsibility, serving for five years as road commissioner and for one year as a member of the school board. He was one of the early settlers in Edson township and through the years has taken an active and honorable part in promoting its development and growth. At the same time his genuine personal worth and excellent qualities of character have gained him the high regard and confidence of all who have been associated with him.

OLE HANSON.

Ole Hanson, who introduced tobacco growing into Chippewa county and who is now specializing in this industry and engaging also in dairying upon a farm of fifty-two acres on section 26, Lafayette township, was born near Christiania, Norway, May 20, 1865, his parents being Louis and Gertie (Gorina) Hanson. The father settled in Stoughton, Dane county, this state, in 1870 and there passed away in 1893, when he was seventy years of age. He is buried in the cemetery at Stoughton and his wife survives him, making her home at Cooksville.

Ole Hanson acquired his education in Brooklyn, Green county, Wisconsin, and laid aside his books at the age of fourteen. He afterward assisted with the work of the homestead until he was twenty-one and then rented his father's farm for two years, after which he spent three years upon a property belonging to his sister. At the end of that time he bought a tract of fifteen acres and in addition to its cultivation worked in the employ of the Baker Manufacturing Company as agent for their pumps and windmills. He conceived the idea of planting tobacco on his farm, believing that it could be cultivated in this part of the state as successfully as in Dane county. The other farmers in the locality believed that the section was too far north, but Mr. Hanson was convinced that his plan was practical and has since proved his conviction true. The district between Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire is now well known as an excellent tobacco growing section and Mr. Hanson has himself planted seven acres in tobacco, harvesting abundant crops annually. He has added to his holdings since his original purchase, owning today fifty-two acres on section 26, Lafayette township, and there in addition to tobacco growing engages also in dairying, keeping ten milch cows. He has made excellent improvements upon his farm, erecting a fine residence, good barns, a tobacco shed and a concrete silo and he has installed modern machinery to facilitate the work of the fields.

In Stoughton, Wisconsin, December 25, 1891, Mr. Hanson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Stensley, a daughter of Peter and Annie Stensley, the former of whom engaged in farming in Norway for a number of years. Both have passed away and are buried in the cemetery near Ulens Aker, in that country. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson have become the parents of eight children: Inger, residing at home; Minnie, also with her parents; Louis, who is assisting his father; Alfred; Axtel; Emma; Selma; and Nora.

Mr. Hanson is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and is a republican in his political beliefs. For the past three years he has been a member of the side board and his work in this capacity has been conscientious and capable. He has made a valuable contribution to the agricultural development of this county by introducing here a profitable product which can be successfully cultivated. He is, moreover, known as a man of exemplary character and excellent ability and he holds the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and friends.

SAMUEL SNYDER.

Since 1868 Samuel Snyder has been prominently connected with business interests of Chippewa Falls and during that time has seen a great deal of the development of the city, his own well directed labors proving important forces in the general growth. The years have brought him constantly increasing success and prominence and today he is a well known architect, controlling an important and representative patronage. He was born in Defiance county, Ohio, in 1843, and is a son of Alexander and Eva (Himes) Snyder, both of whom have passed away, the father dying in 1904 and the mother in 1888. They are buried in Ohio.

Samuel Snyder acquired his education in the public schools of his native county, laying aside his books at the age of nineteen. In 1862 he joined the One Hundred and Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Union army for three years and a half and receiving at the end of that time his honorable discharge. After the close of hostilities he turned his attention to any employment at which he could earn a livelihood, continuing thus at various occupations until 1868, when he moved to Chippewa Falls and engaged in the building business. In the course of time he formed important business relations and built up a large patronage, maintaining his first connection for fifteen years, during which he became known as one of the most forceful and farsighted men in the city. At the end of that time he turned his attention to architecture and he has since been numbered among the leaders in that profession, his practical knowledge of building combining with his artistic sense to give him special excellence in his chosen field.

In 1870, in Chippewa county, Mr. Snyder was united in marriage to Miss Brown, a daughter of Charles K. and Nancy M. (Wessell) Brown, both of whom have passed away and are buried in Chippewa Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have two children: Ida M., the wife of Dr. S. S. Cook, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and Charles R., manager of the Tri State Telephone Installing System at St. Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder occupy an attractive residence, which has just been thoroughly remodeled.

Mr. Snyder is a republican in his political beliefs, a member of the Episcopal church and connected fraternally with the Masonic lodge, and the Grand Army of the Republic. In Chippewa Falls, where he has resided for forty-five years, he is widely and favorably known not only as a keen, reliable and farsighted business man but also as a progressive citizen and a veteran of the Civil war, to whom the country owes a debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid.

J. H. A. FOSTER, M. D.

Dr. J. H. A. Foster, who has been a practicing physician and surgeon of Cornell since April, 1913, followed his profession for twelve years prior to that time in Cadott, coming to Chippewa county in November, 1901. His birth occurred near Lindsay, Ontario, Canada, on the 9th of November, 1874, his parents being Thomas H. and Lucinda (Bradley) Foster. The family is of old Irish origin. Thomas H. Foster was one of the pioneer agriculturists of Victoria county, Ontario, there clearing a large farm. He passed away on the 25th of March, 1912, when eighty-five years of age, and was buried near the old home in the little Britton cemetery in Victoria county. His widow still resides on the homestead. They had five children, as follows: Rev. A. H., a Methodist minister of Colborne, Ontario; Maria E., who is the wife of T. A. Newman, an agriculturist of Victoria county; Maud F., who gave her hand in marriage to a Mr. Culbert, an electrician of Toronto, Ontario; C. W. S., who operates the old home farm; and J. H. A., of this review.

The last named obtained his primary education in the collegiate institute at Lindsay, Ontario, and was graduated therefrom in 1891. After receiving his certificate he became identified with educational work and subsequently served as principal in various schools of Victoria county and also held a similar position in Assiniboia. In 1897 he entered Trinity University at Toronto, which institution conferred upon him the degree of M. D. in 1901. He then took the state examination at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and in November, 1901, began the practice of his chosen profession in Cadott, Chippewa county, there remaining until 1913. Since April of that year he has maintained his office in Cornell and has already built up an extensive and lucrative practice which has been accorded him in recognition of his skill and ability as a physician and surgeon. He acts as surgeon for the Brunet Falls Manufacturing Company and is widely recognized as a successful and able representative of his profession.

On the 25th of May, 1909, at Cobban, Wisconsin, Dr. Foster was united in marriage to Miss Edith Payne, her father being Delos Payne, one of the old lumbermen of Chippewa county, who resides at Cobban. The Doctor intends to erect a four thousand dollar residence in Cornell.

In politics Dr. Foster is a stanch democrat. He served on the village board of Cadott and also on the board of health for several terms, while for five years he held the office of county poor physician, ever discharging his duties in a highly commendable and satisfactory manner. Fraternally he is identified with

the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias and has received all the honors in those organizations. Esteemed in professional and social circles as well, his salient characteristics are such as make for good citizenship in any community and which win the regard and confidence of all.

JOHN KUHN.

For over a quarter of a century John Kuhn has lived upon his farm of eighty acres on section 34, township 29, range 5 west, and the years have brought him a prominent place in agricultural circles of the locality and that success which always follows earnest and persistent labor. He was born in Germany, February 22, 1864, and is a son of John and Catherine (Bretz) Kuhn, also natives of that country, the former born in 1820 and the latter in 1840. Both have passed away, the father dying in 1870 and the mother in 1908. To their union were born five children: Nicholas, John, Emma, Peter and Maggie.

John Kuhn attended public school in Germany until he was fourteen years of age, afterward working upon his father's farm. He emigrated to America with his parents in 1881 and settled in St. John, Calumet county, this state, where he remained for one year and a half. At the end of that time he moved to Chippewa county and bought eighty acres of land on section 34, township 29, range 5 west. He came into possession of this property in 1883 and each year since that time has witnessed his increased prosperity so that he is today a substantial and progressive agriculturist. He keeps twenty head of cattle and five horses and makes a specialty of dairying, his dairy products obtaining a high price and a ready sale upon the market.

Mr. Kuhn has been twice married. He wedded first Miss Maggie Trace, who died in 1905, leaving three children: Michael, Katie and Henrietta. In 1907 Mr. Kuhn married Miss Agnew Replinger and she died in 1913, leaving a son, Burnett.

Mr. Kuhn is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is connected fraternally with the Catholic Order of Foresters. For seven years he served in the office of road commissioner and rendered the township excellent service as school treasurer. As a resident of Delmar township for thirty years he has become widely and favorably known, winning recognition as a man of high moral character, industry and enterprise.

ALEXANDER K. LINTZ.

Since 1882 Alexander K. Lintz has lived upon a farm of eighty acres on section 6, Sigel township, and for the past four years has concentrated his attention upon the development of this property, although he was for some time prominently identified with hotel interests in Cadott. He was born in Oswego county, New York, January 6, 1850, and is a son of George L. and Julia (Kellogg) Lintz, natives of the Empire state, the former born in 1829 and the latter in 1834.

The father was a ship carpenter by trade and in 1878 came to Wisconsin, settling in Juneau county. Here he turned his attention to the hotel business at Linden, retaining this connection until his death, which occurred in 1901. His widow has also passed away, dying in 1909. They were the parents of six children: Alexander K., Levy, Adella, Emma, Clara and Mary.

Alexander K. Lintz acquired his education in the public schools of New York state, laying aside his books at the age of eighteen. He then became connected with railroading as a brakeman, holding this position for four years, after which he moved to Marquette, Michigan, where he spent a similar period of time as manager of a sawmill. He next moved to Monroe county, Wisconsin, and in 1876 purchased an eighty acre farm there. This he sold after three years, moving to Jackson county, where he was for two years in the saloon business. At the end of that time he moved to Trempealeau county and there engaged in the conduct of a hotel, meeting with gratifying success during the six years of his residence. Later he moved to Sigel township, purchasing a farm of eighty acres on section 6. He also bought the Commercial Hotel in Cadott and operated this from 1882 to 1909, meeting with gratifying and well deserved success. He disposed of the hotel in the latter year and now devotes all of his time to his farming interests. He specializes in the operation of a modern and sanitary dairy, keeping twenty-five milch cows and he has been very successful, his dairy products commanding a high price and a ready sale upon the market.

Mr. Lintz married Miss Nellie Lawson, a daughter of Alexander Lawson, foreman in an iron mill in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Lintz became the parents of three children. Charles, the eldest, married Lydia Phillips and they became the parents of a son, Orian. Charles Lintz was for many years the proprietor of a saloon, conducting this until his death, in 1905. John has also passed away, his death having occurred in 1908. He married Miss Maud La Marche and to them were born five children, Bernice, Harry, Irma, Lee and Nellie. Hazel, the youngest, married Jesse Miller, a cigar manufacturer in Cadott.

Mr. Lintz is a member of the Presbyterian church and a democrat in his political beliefs, being now a member of the village board. In Cadott and throughout Sigel township he is known as a public-spirited and progressive citizen, always willing to cooperate in worthy public projects, and he holds the esteem and confidence of all who are connected with him.

PETER MICHELS.

A fine farm of eighty acres lying on section 33, Delmar township, is the property of Peter Michels and in its cultivation he has through his industry and practical efforts surrounded himself with a gratifying measure of prosperity. He is one of the many sturdy and enterprising citizens whom Germany has given to America, his birth having occurred in that country August 20, 1862. His parents were Peter and Mary (Pritz) Michels, also natives of the fatherland, the former

born June 29, 1833, and the latter in 1838. They came to America in 1881, settling in Calumet county, this state, where the father engaged in farming for many years. In 1897 he sold his holdings and since that time has lived retired in Appleton. He and his wife became the parents of eight children, seven of whom survive.

Peter Michels acquired his education in the public schools of Germany, attending until he was fourteen years of age. He afterward worked upon his father's farm until he was twenty-five and then purchased from his father fifty acres of land. This he developed and improved for five years, after which he sold the property and moved to Chippewa county, arriving here in 1893. He bought eighty acres of farming land on section 33, township 29, range 5 west, and there he carries on general farming and stock-raising, keeping nine head of cattle and three horses. He raises also all kinds of small grain which he sells in the local markets.

In Appleton, Wisconsin, on the 17th of April, 1887, Mr. Michels was united in marriage to Miss Mary Pouly, a daughter of Nicholas Pouly, a merchant in that city. They became the parents of eleven children, Nicholas, Hilda, Jacob, Leta, Alois, Laura, Lenora and Leo (twins), Marie, Norman, and a child who died in infancy.

Mr. Michels is a member of the Roman Catholic church, is connected fraternally with the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin and is a democrat in his political beliefs. He is a man of many sterling qualities of character, well known throughout the community for his uprightness and honesty, and he merits and enjoys the confidence of his neighbors and friends.

ANDREW THRONSON.

A fine property of two hundred and forty acres on section 23, Lafayette township, is owned by Andrew Thronson, and its excellent condition is evidence of his ability as an agriculturist and of his life of industry and thrift. He was born in Eker, Norway, December 26, 1848, and is a son of Thron and Hella Thronson, natives of that locality. The father died in 1897, at the age of seventy, and is buried in Eker. His wife survives him and makes her home in Drammen.

Andrew Thronson acquired his education in his native country and laid aside his books at the age of seventeen. He afterward took a course in the Agricultural College at Aas, near Christiania, an institution from which he was graduated in 1870. For three years thereafter he managed large landed estates in his native country. He became foreman on the Drammen Shaen Railroad but at the end of two years he resigned this position and came to America, becoming in 1883 connected with the Omaha Railroad. At the end of one year he entered the employ of the Wisconsin Central and continued thus until 1894. In that year he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 23, Lafayette township, to which he has since added, his holdings now comprising two hundred and forty acres. When he moved upon the original tract he found it covered with a dense growth of scrub timber and of this he cleared one hundred and twenty acres, having now two hundred acres under cultivation. He has erected excellent buildings upon the property, including a residence, a good barn and a cement silo, and he

engages in mixed farming, his well directed efforts being rewarded by a gratifying degree of success.

In Eker, Norway, January 2, 1874, Mr. Thronson was united in marriage to Miss Sophie Guldbrandson, a daughter of Guldbrand and Marn Anderson. The former owned the Hoanga farm near Eker and was well known in agricultural circles of that locality. Both parents have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Thronson became the parents of twelve children, eight of whom are still living: Thomas, a mechanic in Tacoma, Washington; Axel, a carpenter in Chicago; Hilda, who married Borger Hanson, a carpenter at Rice Lake, this state; Agnes, who married John Brekke, a manufacturer of cabinets and other furniture; Morris, a mechanic in Tacoma, Washington; Conrad, who is assisting his father; Elvira, a stenographer and bookkeeper at Rice Lake, Wisconsin; and Mabel, at home. Four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thronson have passed away, Maria, Gustav and two others bearing the same names. They are buried in Eker, Norway.

Mr. Thronson is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and is independent in his political views, serving at the present time as clerk of the school board. He is one of the leading farmers of his locality and his success is due entirely to his own hard work and intelligent management.

NICHOLAS K. LICHT.

Among the large land owners and prosperous farmers of Delmar township and among Chippewa county's most progressive and representative native sons is numbered Nicholas K. Licht, engaging in general farming and stock-raising on sections 29 and 32. He was born in Edson township, January 10, 1864, and is a son of Nicholas and Frances (Ronacker) Licht, natives of Germany, the former born in 1834 and the latter in 1843. The father moved to Dodge county, Wisconsin, with his parents when he was eleven years of age and grew to manhood there, later turning his attention to farming. He and his wife are now residents of the town of Edson.

Nicholas K. Licht was one of a family of nine children. He acquired his education in the district schools of his native township and when he was thirteen years of age, laid aside his books, afterwards assisting with the work of the farm until he was twenty-five. At that time his father gave him eighty acres of unimproved land, which with characteristic energy he cleared and developed, making it finally one of the best farms in his locality. In addition to this he has recently purchased another tract of one hundred and sixty acres, this land lying on section 32, township 29, range 5 west. Here he raises all kinds of small grains and he is also especially interested in stock-raising and dairying, all branches of his activities being important and profitable.

On the 2d of October, 1888, in Edson township, Mr. Licht married Miss Emma Kuhn, a daughter of John and Catherine (Bretz) Kuhn, the former a pioneer settler of Edson township. Mr. and Mrs. Licht have become the parents of four children. William is engaged in farming on eighty acres of land on section 32, township 29, range 5 west, and married Miss Louisa Lechtner. The other members in this family are Edward, Agnes and Sylvester.

Mr. Licht is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is identified with the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin and St. Joseph's Society. He is a democrat in his political belief and was for two and one-half years supervisor of Delmar township. He is one of the oldest farmers in Delmar township, in point of continuous residence, having lived upon his present farm for the past twenty-five years. During that time he has met with gratifying and constantly increasing success and his honorable and upright life has merited for him the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

JOHN C. HANSEN.

Well controlled ambition, energy, resourcefulness and enterprise have actuated John C. Hansen in all the activities of his career and have brought him today to a position among the representative business men of Chippewa Falls, where since 1884 he has been well known as an able and successful building contractor. He is a member of the Chippewa Falls Construction Company and has been a most helpful factor in the success of the business it controls. Mr. Hansen was born at Flensburg, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, April 21, 1865, and is a son of Hans P. and Maria M. (Jensen) Hansen. The father was a wagon manufacturer in his native country and after coming to America assisted his son in the building business, continuing this until his death in 1895, at the age of seventy-three. He is buried in the Forest Hill cemetery at Chippewa Falls and his widow, who passed away in 1899, was laid to rest near Flensburg, in Schleswig-Holstein. Although both were natives of Germany the family is of Danish origin.

John C. Hansen acquired his education in the public schools of Germany and laid aside his books at the age of fourteen after which he learned the mason's trade, following this for four years. In 1883 he emigrated to America and settled first in Ashland, Wisconsin, where for one year he engaged successfully in the contracting business. At the end of that time he moved to Chippewa Falls and there formed a partnership with his brother in the same line of work. After seven years their association was dissolved, Mr. Hansen of this review continuing by himself for a similar period of time, after which he aided in the organization of the Chippewa Falls Construction Company, with which he has since been connected. In the twenty-nine years during which he has been closely identified with business interests in that city he has superintended the construction of some of the most important business blocks and residences here and has indirectly aided in the promotion of industrial and commercial expansion and growth. He was only twenty-one years of age when he built the Metropolitan block, the largest office building in Chippewa Falls and since that time his success has been continuous and has connected him with most of the important building operations in the city. The Chippewa Falls Construction Company employs four hundred men and has carried forward to successful completion the erection of the Racine Insane Asylum building and is now erecting the Robert E. Debfield high school at Duluth, Minnesota, its business territory extending to all parts of the state. The company also owns the Colfax stone quarry from which excellent raw material is obtained. Mr. Hansen himself erected the Hansen Block, which is now

his property and he has other important holdings of a similar character, being ranked today among the most substantial and progressive men of the city.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 28th of March, 1891, Mr. Hansen was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Mahrke, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mahrke, the former of whom met death by drowning at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He was survived by his wife until 1905 and both are buried at Wrightstown this state. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen have become the parents of five children: Elfrieda, who married Arthur Durch, a clerk in the Chippewa Falls postoffice; Walter, who is assisting his father; Victor, a student in the Chippewa Falls high school; and Martha and Arthur, who are attending school. The family reside in an attractive home at No. 215 North Prairie street, a dwelling which Mr. Hansen erected, and they are well known in social circles of the city.

Mr. Hansen is a republican in his political beliefs and is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the German Lutheran church. He is a man of foresight, experience and unusual business ability and throughout the years of his residence in Chippewa Falls has been an important factor in the advancement of the community along all lines of growth.

IRA J. KINGSLAND.

Ira J. Kingsland who carries on general farming in Lafayette township has a tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres situated partly on section 8 and partly on section 17. Almost forty years have come and gone since he took up his abode in this county, being at that time a youth of thirteen years. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 27, 1861, and is a son of Isaac and Harriet (Phillips) Kingsland. The father was a farmer by occupation but at the time of the Civil war put aside all business and personal affairs in order to aid his country to preserve the union. He was killed in battle and thus gave his life as a sacrifice to the cause which he had espoused. His widow survived him until 1882, and was laid to rest in the Lafayette cemetery. He came of an old American family of English origin, the first ancestor in this country having crossed the Atlantic in the Mayflower. One of his descendants, Nathaniel Kingsland, fought throughout the Revolutionary war and in days of peace engaged in the work of the ministry, preaching in the first Trinity Church of New York city, which was then a log building.

Ira J. Kingsland thus has reason to be proud of his ancestral record. His own life too has been a creditable one, actuated by honorable purposes and followed by good results. He was educated in the schools of Eau Claire, but at the early age of nine years put aside his text books. He was hardly beyond his infancy at the time of his father's death. Some years later he went to live with relatives for whom he worked between the ages of nine and sixteen years. He then sought employment in the lumber woods and on the drive on the river, being thus engaged until he attained his majority. He next took up railroading and was employed as a brakeman and conductor on the Wisconsin Central for twelve years. In 1894 he was appointed to a position on the police force of Chippewa Falls and acted in that capacity for two years. In 1896, however, he

took up his abode upon his present farm, which was a tract of wild and undeveloped land covered with a dense growth of timber. No road led from his place and because of its primitive condition it was an arduous task to clear and develop the farm. He never hesitated in his undertaking but carried forward the work of cultivation and improvement from early spring until late autumn while the winter months were devoted to work in the woods. For some years he has made a specialty of the dairy business and finds it a profitable source of income. He also carries on general farming and has so managed his business affairs as to win success being now numbered among the leading and representative agriculturists of the county. He is also a stockholder in the Lafayette Cooperative Creamery and in the Melville Settlement Telephone Company. He brooks no obstacles that can be overcome by persistent and honorable effort and the straightforward methods which he follows have gained for him the high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

Mr. Kingsland was married in Chippewa Falls, April 6, 1881, to Miss Stella Dumphly, a daughter of John and Martha Dumphly, the former a boat builder of Eau Claire, who passed away in 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Kingsland have had three children; George, an engineer of the Soo line; Jessie, the wife of Forest Bateman, a farmer of Sigel township; and Walter, who met death in a cave at the age of nine years and was buried in the Bateman cemetery.

Mr. Kingsland holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political support is given to the republican party and he has held some local offices, having served as assessor and chairman of the township of Lafayette. His success may be attributed to hard work and intelligent management and his good qualities as manifest in business and social relations have made him a popular citizen of Chippewa county.

HON. JOHN W. THOMAS.

Hon. John W. Thomas left and is leaving the impress of his individuality upon the history of county and state and the record is one which reflects credit and honor upon the people who have honored him in choosing him for high positions of political preferment. His sterling worth is everywhere recognized and his substantial qualities have made him one of the foremost citizens of Wisconsin. He makes his home on a farm of two hundred fifty-six acres on section 7, Anson township, and has been a resident of Chippewa county for fifty-six years, or since 1857. He was a lad of but eleven years at the time of his arrival, his birth having occurred in south Wales on the 31st of March, 1846. He is a son of Stephen and Sarah (Evans) Thomas. The parents died in the Cherry flats and were laid to rest in the Welsh cemetery in Tioga county, Pennsylvania.

John W. Thomas was very young when the family home was established in Pennsylvania, where he began his education as a public-school pupil. He came to Wisconsin with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Copp, who reared him and whom he assisted in the work of pioneer settlement. He was left an orphan at the age of seven and although he was but eleven years of age when he came to this state, he drove a team for Mr. Copp all the long way from Pennsylvania to



MR. AND MRS. J. W. THOMAS

Chippewa county. The family with whom he lived settled in the town of Anson and again he had opportunity to attend school to some extent, but spent much time in farm work, aiding Mr. Copp in developing and improving his land. When he was a youth of seventeen, his patriotic spirit was aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the union, and he offered his services to the government enlisting as a member of the Thirty-sixth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He participated in the brilliant movements of his regiment during General Grant's campaign of 1864 before Richmond and Petersburg. When hostilities were over and the country no longer needed his aid, he returned to the north and has since been identified with farming interests in Chippewa county.

It was his intention to attend college, but ill health prevented and the money which he had saved for that purpose was invested in real estate. He became the owner of a tract of wild land which he cleared and placed under cultivation. From time to time he added to his first purchase until his holdings were quite extensive. He has always retained possession of the old home place and in connection with the cultivation of his crops has engaged extensively in the dairy business, which, by reason of his capable management, has proven a success. He has always wisely used the opportunities which have come to him and is recognized as a man of sound business judgment and keen discrimination as well as of unfaltering energy. In addition to his other business interests, he is president and manager of the Jim Falls Cooperative Butter & Cheese Company, which is a paying enterprise and constitutes one of the chief productive industries of Jim Falls.

Aside from his business connections, Mr. Thomas is prominently known through his political activity and is a recognized leader of the republican party in Chippewa county, various political honors having been accorded him. He served as chairman of the county board for several terms and was elected to the office of county treasurer. He was likewise secretary to the Chippewa County Agricultural Society for eight years and did much to stimulate an interest in improved agricultural methods. His high standing in agricultural circles is indicated in the fact that in 1897 appointment of the governor made him a member of the State Board of Agriculture and in 1899 he was reappointed for three years, at the end of which time he declined the third appointment. In 1894 the republican party of Chippewa county elected him to represent the second district in the state legislature and he was reelected in 1896, 1898 and 1900, serving, in all, four consecutive terms, during which period he made a most excellent record as a legislator, faithful to the interests of his constituents and loyal to the welfare of the state. He was again called to public office in 1902, being elected railroad commissioner. He was reelected in 1904 and in 1908 was again called to the legislative department of state service, being elected senator from his district by a flattering majority. He was connected with much important constructive legislation and did much toward guiding and directing the destinies of the state while a member of the house and of the senate. Mr. Thomas was active in the railroad investigation which resulted in no longer giving rebates to shippers and in collection of a large amount of back taxes.

At Bloomer, Wisconsin, on the 29th of February, 1868, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Marcella M. Fuller, a daughter of Daniel and Sarah Fuller, of Bloomer, the father a pioneer farmer of Chippewa county, upon a part of whose

farm the town of Bloomer was built. Both he and his wife are deceased and their graves were made in Bloomer cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have a daughter, Sarah, the wife of Fred Hartzell, who is secretary-treasurer and the active manager of the Jim Falls Cooperative Butter & Cheese Company. Mr. and Mrs. Hartzell reside with their parents and they have four children: Miriam and Robert, who are attending school; and Lloyd and Norma, who are at home.

Mr. Thomas is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in fact is the oldest representative of the organization in the county, in years of continuous connection therewith. He occupies a fine residence upon his farm on section 7, Anson township, and has splendidly improved the property. There are large barns and outbuildings and all modern equipments of the model farm are here to be found. Mr. Thomas was the first in north Wisconsin to own a silo and he has ever displayed an enterprising spirit in carrying on his farm interests. He possesses excellent business ability and when upon his retirement from the office of railroad commissioner he was elected president of the Jim Falls Cooperative Butter & Cheese Company, he bent his energy to the development of a business which was then in a precarious condition. The company was in debt and the future seemed dark, but Mr. Thomas at once took hold of the business and under his guidance, it has been developed, its output being increased from eighty-three thousand to three hundred and fifty thousand pounds of butter annually. It is characteristic of Mr. Thomas that he accomplishes what he undertakes, whether in business affairs or in public life and at all times he is actuated by a spirit of enterprise and honor that has made him one of the most valued citizens of his county and state.

JOHN B. GALBRAITH.

In Stanley and throughout Chippewa county John B. Galbraith is known as a man who understands the lumber business in principle and detail and who has made capable and effective use of this knowledge during his twenty-four years of service in the office of superintendent of woods for the Northwestern Lumber Company. He was born in Speaker township, Sanilac county, Michigan, September 25, 1859, a son of Alexander G. and Adeline (Stevens) Galbraith, natives of Canada. The father went to Michigan as a young man and farmed in that state until his death which occurred in 1865. His wife has also passed away. They had two children: John B. and Walter.

John B. Galbraith acquired his education in district school No. 16, Pontiac, Michigan, attending until he was nineteen years of age. He then spent two years upon the farm and at the end of that time secured a position as a lumber scaler under Albert Pack, a noted lumberman of that time, working for him for eighteen years and becoming thoroughly familiar with the lumber business. He then became connected with the Northwestern Lumber Company as superintendent of woods and since that time has held this responsible position, gaining during the years the confidence and regard of his employers and the respect and esteem of his associates. Mr. Galbraith is a director in the Stanley, Merrill & Phillips Rail-

way and he owns considerable property, including a comfortable residence in Stanley and land on sections 6 and 21, Taylor township.

On the 20th of August, 1884, in Port Huron, Michigan, Mr. Galbraith married Miss Sylvia Cole, a daughter of John and Martha (Moony) Cole, the former a prominent lumberman of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith have two children: Walter A., a lumber scaler; and John M., identified with an engineering corps at Cornell.

Mr. Galbraith is a Chapter Mason and is connected also with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He served as alderman of the third ward for four years and proved a very capable official, standing always on the side of right and progress. His worth is widely acknowledged, his business ability having gained him prominence in his commercial connections and his integrity standing as an unquestioned fact in his career.

JOSEPH BARCUME.

In the business circles of Bloomer the name of Joseph Barcume is synonymous with enterprise, diligence and determination. He accomplishes what he undertakes and as the years go by achieves success as a reward of earnest and intelligently directed efforts. He is president of the Bank of Bloomer and of the Bloomer Machine Company and in these connections contributes much to the business growth and development of the city in which he lives. New York claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Franklin county, that state. His father, John Barcume, was a native of Canada and after living for a time in the Empire state moved westward to southern Wisconsin where he engaged in farming. He died in Roxburg, Wisconsin, at the age of sixty-five years, both he and his wife passing away when their son Joseph was ten years of age.

Joseph Barcume is the only son of the family now living. Upon the death of his parents he began working for farmers of the neighborhood and was thus employed until the Civil war broke out. His patriotic spirit prompted his enlistment and he became a member of Company K, Second Wisconsin Infantry with which he served for three years and eight months. He saw the last cannon fired by the confederates before the surrender of Lee. He was a brave and loyal soldier faithful to duty and he participated in various battles including the engagement at Fredricksburg, the second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Gettysburg, The Wilderness, Petersburg, Appomatox and numerous others. His brigade took part in thirty-one battles and Mr. Barcume participated in twenty-five of these. He was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness. Ever faithful to duty he made an excellent reputation as a soldier and returned home with a military record of which he has every reason to be proud.

Following the close of the war Mr. Barcume came to Cooks Valley in Chippewa county and there engaged in farming until about twenty-five years ago when he moved to Bloomer. He was in the elevator business with J. B. Kahl of Chippewa Falls for some time, but about five years ago disposed of his interest in that business in which he had been very successful. He was one of the men who reorgan-

ized the Bank of Bloomer and has been its president for about three years. The bank is capitalized for ten thousand dollars and its other officers are William Larson, vice president, and A. T. Newman, cashier. On the board of directors in addition to the officers are O. A. Abrahamson, L. M. Newman and Mr. McKinnon. The bank is in a flourishing condition, is conducting general banking business and its success is due in large measure to the enterprising methods and safe conservatism of the president. Mr. Barcume also has other business interests, being president of the Bloomer Machine Works. They do all kinds of machine work including the building of gasoline engines and that the industry is one of the largest business concerns of the city is indicated by the fact that employment is furnished to about thirty men. The officers of the company are Joseph Barcume, president; Wm. Larson, vice president and Torphen Thompson, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Barcume married Miss Mary E. Chase, a native of Ohio, but in 1908 was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife who died at the age of fifty-five years. In politics Mr. Barcume is a prohibitionist and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. This fact indicates much of the nature of his interest and the rules which govern his conduct. He is not only recognized as an enterprising and prosperous business man but also as an upright and honorable one and as the years go by is making a record which anyone might envy, for with him prosperity and an honorable name have been synonymous.

HENRY F. POWERS.

Henry F. Powers, proprietor of a livery stable and a well appointed undertaking establishment in Chippewa Falls, is a native son of that city and was born on the spot where his business concern now stands, March 3, 1866. His parents were Morris and Mary (Grady) Powers, natives of Ireland, who came to Chippewa county at an early date. Here the father established the first sawmill in Chippewa Falls and later turned his attention to farming, dying upon his holdings January 28, 1901. His wife survived him until April, 1912, and both are buried in the Mount Calvary Catholic cemetery.

Henry F. Powers acquired his education in the public schools of Tilden and laid aside his books at the age of fifteen. He then spent twenty-one winters in the lumber woods, assisting his father on the farm during the summers and continuing thus until 1903, when he moved to Chippewa Falls and established his present enterprise on the corner of Bay street and Grand avenue. He carries a fine line of caskets and funeral supplies and a liberal patronage is accorded him, for his prices are reasonable and his integrity above all question. In connection with his undertaking concern he also conducts a livery stable and by his able management has made this branch of his enterprise profitable and important.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 25th of November, 1905, Mr. Powers was united in marriage to Miss Edith O'Brien, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Murphy) O'Brien, the former a pioneer farmer of Chippewa county. Both have passed away and are buried in Cooks Valley. Mr. Powers is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is connected fraternally with the Knights of Columbus, the

Catholic Order of Foresters and the Fraternal Reserve Association. He is independent in his political views, voting for the man whom he considers best fitted for the position without regard to party lines. He is widely and favorably known in his native city, having based a substantial degree of success upon industry, reliability and integrity.

JOHN OAKLAND.

Among the most progressive citizens and substantial agriculturists of Chippewa county is numbered John Oakland, who, in connection with his brother, owns one of the best improved and most competently managed farms in Sigel township. He was born in Dane county, this state, March 4, 1860, and is a son of John B. and Carrie Oakland, natives of Norway, the former born in 1823 and the latter in 1830. They came to Wisconsin in 1853, settling in Primrose township, Dane county, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1907. He had survived his wife some time, her death having occurred in 1890. Six children were born to their union, as follows: Isabelle, John, Rhoda, Joseph, Daniel and Caroline.

John Oakland acquired his education in the public schools of Dane county, laying aside his books when he was seventeen years of age. He afterward worked upon his father's farm until he was twenty-one and then removed to North Dakota, where he remained for ten years. On the 14th of November, 1898, he came to Chippewa county and in association with his brother Daniel purchased eighty acres of unimproved land in Sigel township. This they cleared and upon it erected a modern six-room house and substantial outbuildings. In 1910 they added a new barn and they have made other important improvements, the farm reflecting everywhere the careful supervision and practical labor which they have bestowed upon it. The brothers specialize in raising small grains and in the conduct of a sanitary dairy, the products of which find a ready sale upon the local market. John Oakland is a stockholder in the Clear Creek Cheese Factory and is recognized as an able and resourceful business man. Mr. Oakland is a member of the Lutheran church and a republican in his political beliefs, interested in the growth and welfare of the community in which he lives. Wherever he is known he is held in high esteem, for he is a representative citizen and a progressive farmer.

JOSEPH ZWEIFELHOFER.

Among the most progressive and successful agriculturists of Chippewa county is numbered Joseph Zweifelhofer, whose fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres lies on section 24, Howard township, and in its neat and attractive appearance is a visible evidence of his life of industry and thrift. Mr. Zweifelhofer has resided in this county since 1869 but is a native of Germany, born in 1858,

a son of Joseph and Kate (Fidler) Zweifelhofer. The mother died in 1904 and is survived by her husband, who makes his home in Tilden township, this county.

Joseph Zweifelhofer was eleven years of age when he came to America and his education was acquired in the public schools of Chippewa county. This was limited, however, for he was obliged to lay aside his books at a very early age and thereafter he assisted his father with the work of the homestead for seventeen years, becoming during that time familiar with the best agricultural methods. He finally began farming independently upon the property which he now owns and throughout the intervening years he has steadily carried forward the work of improvement and development until today he is the owner of a valuable and productive farm. His holdings comprise one hundred and sixty acres on section 24, Howard township, and upon this property he specializes in the raising of grain, conducting also a profitable dairy business.

In Tilden township, Mr. Zweifelhofer married Miss Lena Bloom, a daughter of Poney and Benedicta Bloom, both of whom have passed away and are buried in Tilden township. Mr. and Mrs. Zweifelhofer have become the parents of eight children, one son and seven daughters. Mr. Zweifelhofer is a member of the Catholic church and is a democrat in his political beliefs. He is progressive and public-spirited in matters of citizenship and has held various important public offices, the duties of which he has discharged in a capable and loyal manner. During the forty-four years of his residence in Chippewa county he has become known as a man of high standards and honorable principles and he merits and holds the esteem and regard of all who are associated with him.

EDWIN SMITH.

Edwin Smith, a well known and representative agriculturist of Arthur township, is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 31, township 30, range 6. He is one of the earliest settlers of that part of the county, having come there in 1872 or more than four decades ago. His birth occurred in Oxford, New Hampshire, on the 16th of February, 1852, his parents being Jonathan and Maria (Bartholomew) Smith, who were likewise natives of that state. In 1868 they removed to Sauk county, Wisconsin, and were there identified with farming interests for four years. On the expiration of that period, in 1872, they accompanied their son Edwin to Chippewa county, the father purchasing a small farm near that of our subject and spending the remainder of his life thereon. The mother afterward resided with her son Edwin until she, too, was called to her final rest.

Edwin Smith was a young man of twenty years when in the spring of 1872 he came to Chippewa county, purchasing eighty acres of land which comprises the south half of the southwest quarter of section 31, township 30, range 6. This was one of what were known as the hardwood ridges, the property being covered with fine hardwood trees and only a few pines. The place was just as it came from the hands of nature and merely a trail led through the woods. There was no railroad in Chippewa county, the terminus of the road being at Eau Claire, whence the Smith family traveled by stage to Chippewa Falls and

from that place came to their farm by ox team. The first home of Edwin Smith was a log building, sixteen by twenty-eight feet, which was covered with sawed shingles and which remained his dwelling place for a quarter of a century. He then erected the frame residence which now stands on the farm and also has a substantial frame barn and other buildings. His farm now embraces one hundred and sixty acres of land, eighty of which are under cultivation and twenty or thirty of which have been cleared for pasture. As above stated, he was one of the earliest settlers in his part of the county and has always been industrious and energetic, enjoying good health and being still active and robust though now more than sixty years of age. For fifteen or eighteen years he worked in the woods during the winter seasons, from December 1st until the spring, cutting and hauling logs, and then until May was engaged as a log driver on the Chippewa and Yellow rivers. He has a very vivid recollection of the early days and relates many interesting incidents of pioneer times and conditions.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Smith chose Miss Vina Smith, the marriage ceremony being performed one mile north of the place where he now resides. She was a native of Canada and a daughter of Albert Smith, who came to Chippewa county in 1877 or 1878. She passed away seven years ago, leaving a family of five children, as follows: Alfred, who is married and resides in Cadott; Edna, who gave her hand in marriage to Bert Berry, of Drywood, Wisconsin; Mary, the wife of Arthur Roberts, of Drywood; Frances, who is the wife of Earl Libby, of Lafayette township; and Grace, at home.

Mr. Smith was formerly a republican in his political views but is now a supporter of the democracy. He served for eleven years as a member of the township board of supervisors and acted as a member of the school board for many years, severing his connection therewith in 1912. His life has been a busy, industrious and useful one, and his relative worth is widely recognized by his fellow townsmen.

J. A. MORRISON, D. D. S.

The dental profession has a capable representative in Bloomer in Dr. J. A. Morrison, whose well equipped office and efficient methods mark him as a progressive man well qualified to undertake the delicate and onerous professional duties that devolve upon him. He is thoroughly conversant with the most modern methods and has practiced continuously in Bloomer since completing his college course in 1898. He is one of Wisconsin's native sons, his birth having occurred in Monroe county, in 1876. His father, E. J. Morrison, was a native of the state of New York, and is now located at Chetek, where he is engaged in the creamery business. He married Dora Prill, and they had six children.

Dr. Morrison was educated in the schools of Bloomer and in the Chicago College of Dentistry, in which he prepared for the profession. He was graduated with the class of 1898 and came direct to Bloomer, where he opened an office, having attractive and pleasant quarters over the Peoples State Bank. His office is well equipped with modern dental appliances and in the use of delicate

instruments he displays notable skill and ingenuity. He keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession and with the most modern methods of practice and his patronage is gratifying. He is also president of the Bloomer Telephone Company.

Dr. Morrison was married to Miss Ella B. Cook, of Chetek, and they are well known in social circles. In politics he is a democrat and has served as village clerk. He exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in the lodge of Bloomer and he is also a member of the Congregational church. He has a wide acquaintance and the circle of his friends is almost coextensive therewith. He deserves the regard in which he is held both socially and professionally and should be mentioned as one of the representative citizens of Chippewa county.

BERNARD RAGEOT.

Bernard Rageot, who came to Chippewa county in the '60s has since been actively identified with agricultural pursuits in this part of the state and is now residing on a tract of thirty-three and a third acres on section 35, Washington township, in Rusk county, which was cut off from Chippewa twelve years ago. His birth occurred in Canada in 1838, his parents being Pierre and Mary Rageot, who spent their entire lives in that country. In early manhood Bernard Rageot crossed the border into the United States and for two years made his home in Michigan, being a resident of that state during the period of the Civil war. Subsequently he came to Chippewa county, Wisconsin, and here became identified with sawmill and lumber interests. He also purchased one hundred and sixty acres of unimproved land from the government and after clearing the property began its cultivation, being actively engaged in its operation until a few years ago, when he disposed of the place and bought the tract on which he now resides. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has won a well merited measure of success and has long been numbered among the substantial and esteemed residents of his community.

Mr. Rageot was married in Chippewa county and has a daughter, Julia, who is the wife of Richard Hopkins, of Washington township, Rusk county. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church. Mr. Rageot has now attained the ripe old age of seventy-five years and is widely and favorably known throughout the community which has been his home for about a half century.

H. M. TRANKLE, M. D.

Dr. H. M. Trankle, actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Bloomer, was born in the year 1880, in the town which is still his home. His father, Conrad Trankle, was a native of Germany and after coming to the new world settled in Wisconsin, where he made his home for many years. He was engaged in merchandising in Bloomer to the time of his death, which occurred

when he was fifty-five years of age. After coming to the new world he wedded Tracy Albright, a native of Wisconsin, who has also now passed away. They had two children, the younger being Mrs. Ida Woodard.

Dr. Trankle, whose name introduces this review, pursued his early education in the schools of Bloomer, passing through consecutive grades and laying the foundation upon which he built his professional knowledge. Having determined to engage in the practice of medicine as a life work, he matriculated in Rush Medical College of Chicago and was graduated therefrom on the 21st of June, 1901. He then practiced for three years in Minnesota and in 1904 came to Bloomer, where he has since been located, occupying offices over the Peoples State Bank. He is one of the directors of that financial institution and is recognized as a capable business as well as professional man. He keeps in close touch with everything bearing upon the practice of medicine, reads broadly, thinks deeply and acts progressively.

Dr. Trankle was married in 1907 to Miss Blanche Bickerstaff, of Wisconsin, a daughter of William Bickerstaff, and unto them has been born one child, Warren Lynn, now three years of age. Dr. Trankle exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and keeps well versed on the questions and issues of the day. He holds membership with the Masons and with the Elks and is loyal to the teachings of those organizations. Substantial qualities of manhood and of citizenship have made him popular, while his professional skill has gained him recognition as an able practitioner of medicine, well worthy of liberal support.

FRANK McDONALD.

Frank McDonald is one of the extensive landowners and most progressive and prominent agriculturists of Chippewa county, his holdings comprising two hundred and thirty acres of improved farm land nine miles southwest of Bloomer and one hundred and thirty acres of timber land adjoining. In the management of his interests he has proved capable, resourceful and discriminating and, although he is still a young man, has already gained for himself an enviable position in agricultural circles of this locality. He was born at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in 1881, and is a son of Duncan McDonald, a native of Canada, who came to the United States when he was a young man and engaged in the logging business for thirty-five years thereafter. He owned a farm in Chippewa county north of Bloomer and operated this property for some time, dying upon it when he was nearly eighty-eight years of age. He married Miss Lorenge Neary, who survives him and who is still in possession of the homestead.

Frank McDonald is one of a family of four children. He acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books worked in the lumber woods for ten winters, spending his summers assisting his father. At the end of that time he turned his attention to farming upon property north of Bloomer, where he remained until 1909, when he moved to his present place, whereon he has since carried on the work of improvement and development along progressive and modern lines. He engages in general farming and dairying

and under his able and farsighted management both branches of his activities have proved important and profitable.

Mr. McDonald married Miss Ida O'Connell, and they have become the parents of two children, Maude and Kenneth. Mr. McDonald is a republican in his political beliefs and a regular attendant at the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a young man of exemplary character, capable in business and progressive in citizenship, and he holds the respect and esteem of all who are associated with him.

EMERY HUTH.

An excellent farm of two hundred acres, situated five and a half miles south-east of Bloomer, is being cultivated and developed through the efforts and energy of Emery Huth, who is accounted one of the enterprising agriculturists of the community. The place is owned by his mother, and it was upon this farm that he was born thirty years ago. He is a son of Fred W. Huth, a native of Germany, who, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, bade adieu to friends and native country when about thirty-five years of age and sailed for the United States. He continued his westward travel overland until he reached Wisconsin and then began farming in Chippewa county, where he continued to make his home until called to his final rest. He became the owner of a tract of land which is now the property of his widow, and as the years passed by he brought the fields to a high state of cultivation. He died in 1908, at the ripe old age of seventy-five years, and is still survived by his wife, who bore the maiden name of Louise Laube. In their family were nine children, of whom three have passed away.

Emery Huth had the usual experiences of the farm lad who devotes his time to the acquirement of an education, to the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. When not busy with his text-books he spent much of his time in assisting his father in planting, cultivating and harvesting the crops and thus practical experience qualified him for the duties which devolved upon him when he took charge of the farm which he now operates. The two hundred acres under his care constitute a well developed property upon which substantial improvements have been made, and a spirit of enterprise and progress pervades the entire place. Mr. Huth is an energetic young farmer, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and the good crops which he annually gathers bring to him a substantial return. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church.

SAMUEL NELSON.

Samuel Nelson owns and operates one hundred and sixty acres of land in Tilden township and upon this property carries on general farming and dairying and specializes in the breeding of high-grade Holstein cattle. His sons are interested with him in the operation of this property and their business is conducted under the name of Nelson & Sons. Samuel Nelson was born in Norway in 1870,

and is a son of Nels Nelson, a farmer in that country, who never came to the United States. He married Miss Emerinse Johannason, and they became the parents of eight children.

Samuel Nelson acquired his education in the public schools of Norway and in 1890 emigrated to America. He located first at Muskegon, Michigan, and after six months moved to Chippewa county, where he began working for Martin Rasmus in the woods and at various other occupations, continuing thus until 1899, when he purchased his present farm. Since that time he has improved this with commodious barns and outbuildings and here engages in general farming and dairying, making a specialty of breeding and raising high-grade Holstein cattle, having a registered bull of the best stock at the head of his herd. In association with his sons, under the firm name of Nelson & Sons, he carries on an extensive business as a stock dealer and is numbered today among the enterprising agriculturists and able business men of his locality.

In Chippewa county, Mr. Nelson married Miss Hanna Christianson, a sister of C. L. Christianson, and they have become the parents of seven children, Casper, Nels, Oscar, Mary, Helen, Harold and Leona. Mr. Nelson is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He has at all times taken an active interest in community affairs and has held various public offices, including those of deputy sheriff under McCann and treasurer of the school board. He has been for many years connected with educational interests and is at present treasurer of school district No. 9, Tilden township. He is active in all that pertains to the substantial improvement and development of the community and is widely recognized as a public-spirited and progressive citizen as well as a capable and farsighted business man.

THEODORE HOVELAND.

Successful accomplishment in business results from certain indispensable qualities—energy, determination and recognition of opportunity. These are possessed in considerable measure by Theodore Hoveland, who is the treasurer of the Bloomer Land Company. He was born in Minnesota but was reared in Dunn county, Wisconsin, and is a son of Samuel Hoveland, a native of Norway, who came to the United States in 1865, settling in Minnesota. After living in that state for a time he came to Wisconsin, taking up his abode upon a farm in Dunn county, where he continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits until his life's labors were ended in death, when he was fifty-eight years of age. He was married in Norway to Miss Tena Loftus, who is still a resident of Dunn county, living at the old homestead with a son. They were the parents of thirteen children, eleven of whom are yet living.

Theodore Hoveland acquired his education in the schools of Dunn county and after his text-books were put aside, came to Chippewa county, where he engaged in the hotel and saloon business and also conducted a livery stable for a part of the time. He withdrew from that business about a year ago, however, since which time he has been treasurer of the Bloomer Land Company, with Jacob Radyer as president, and James H. Olds as secretary. This company

handles improved farms and undeveloped lands and city property in this section of Wisconsin, and also sells Texas lands. Mr. Hoveland has made himself well informed concerning property values and is a progressive real-estate dealer, noting the signs of the times and placing upon the market such property as he has reason to believe will prove attractive to the purchasing public. The company enjoys substantial success, not a little of which is due to the enterprising efforts of him whose name introduces this review.

Mr. Hoveland was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Holverson, now deceased, and they became the parents of four children: Mabel; William and Frank, who are high-school students; and Della, also in school.

Mr. Hoveland votes with the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He belongs to the Scandinavian Workmen's Association and he possesses many of the sterling characteristics of his Scandinavian ancestry, including the industry and enterprise for which the sons of Norway are noted.

CHRISTIAN HANSEN.

When Christian Hansen was a young man, the attractions and opportunities of the new world proved irresistible to him and he sought a home on this side of the Atlantic. Here he gradually worked his way upward and is now known as a successful stock dealer of Bloomer. He was born in Denmark, in 1861, and is a son of Nels Hansen. The father never came to the United States and the son was reared and educated in his native country, remaining there until twenty-four years of age, when he made the long voyage to the new world. He did not tarry long upon the Atlantic coast but continued his journey into the interior of the country, going first to Neenah, Wisconsin, where he remained for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he removed to Ashland, where he remained for ten years, engaged in the meat business. He next came to Bloomer, arriving in 1896. He had previously been buying stock here, beginning business at this point in 1889, and he shipped the first carload of stock from this place. Since then not a single month has passed in which he has not made a shipment of stock from Bloomer, and in order to better facilitate his business interests he has lived here since 1896. At one time he was the owner of a farm in this locality, but has disposed of it. However, he owns one of the best residence properties of the town. From the beginning he has won success. He employs a man who does most of the buying, while Mr. Hansen oversees and directs the business. He is himself an excellent judge of cattle and his purchases and sales of live stock have brought him a substantial annual return. In addition to his other interests Mr. Hansen is a director of the Peoples State Bank and is a stockholder in the telephone company of Bloomer.

Mr. Hansen was married to Miss Inez Woodard, and they have become the parents of two children: Alda, who was graduated from the high school of Bloomer in 1912 with valedictorian honors; and Dewey, whose birth occurred at the same hour in which Admiral Dewey was winning his famous victory in Manila.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Congregational church and to its support Mr. Hansen contributes liberally. In politics he is a republican, well versed on the important questions of the day, and for seven years he served on the village board, bringing to bear in the careful direction of public affairs the same spirit of enterprise and sound judgment which marks the management of his private business interests.

FRED A. R. SCRITSMIER.

Fred A. R. Scritsmier, a native son of Auburn township, who owns and operates one hundred and twenty acres five and one-half miles southwest of Bloomer and another tract of one hundred and sixty acres in the same locality, was born in 1876 and is a son of P. L. Scritsmier, a native of Denmark, who came to the United States with his parents when he was a boy of ten. He located immediately in Wisconsin and after reaching manhood engaged in farming in Chippewa county for a number of years. He has now retired from active life and makes his home at Long Beach, California. He married Miss Mary Spies and they became the parents of nine children.

Fred A. R. Scritsmier acquired his education in the public schools of this county and after laying aside his books turned his attention to farming upon one of his father's properties. He continued to develop and improve this farm until he moved to his present place of one hundred and twenty acres in Auburn township. Upon this he has erected all of the buildings and here he carries on general farming and dairying, his practical and well directed labors being rewarded by a gratifying degree of success. He owns also one hundred and sixty acres near his home farm and this property he operates along modern and progressive lines.

Mr. Scritsmier married Miss Alice McFarland and they have become the parents of two children, Lorenzo and Violet, both of whom are attending school. Mr. Scritsmier attends the Methodist Episcopal church and is independent in his political views. His entire life has been spent in Auburn township, where he has a wide acquaintance and is favorably known.

THEODORE ENGER.

Theodore Enger is among the prosperous farmers of Chippewa county, cultivating land on section 1, township 31, range 6, near Cornell postoffice. He has forty acres under cultivation, upon which he erected a modern house and other substantial farm buildings. He was born near Christiania, Norway, on February 13, 1861, a son of Otto and Thea Enger. The father died in Chippewa county about five years ago, his wife having preceded him in death while still in her native land. Theodore Enger was about twenty-two years of age when he came to the United States and therefore received his education in his native country. After coming to this section he worked for three years in the employ

of Daniel Seymour, a well known banker of Chippewa Falls, and then clerked for five years in a store in that city. Having carefully saved his earnings, he was enabled to acquire title to one hundred and twenty acres of fine land near Cornell, which he improved and on which he made his home until 1906, when he settled upon his present farm, selling his former property. The forty acres which he acquired were slightly improved and he has since improved most of the land and brought it under cultivation. He has erected substantial buildings, including a modern residence, a log barn and other outbuildings. He is progressive and modern in his methods and success has come to him in response to incessant and closely applied efforts.

Mr. Enger was married in Norway to Miss Tollena Nymon, a native of that country. Of their twelve children three died in infancy, those living being: Olive, the wife of Henry McKenna, of Chippewa Falls; Thea, who married Walter Doland, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Minnie; Otto, of Washington, D. C., who for a time was a page in the house of representatives and is now studying veterinary surgery; Martha, who married Roy Nash, of Pepin, Wisconsin; and Linney, Albert, Thorvel and Amand, all at home.

Mr. Enger and family are members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. Politically he is a republican. Such success as has come to him is highly merited, as it has been achieved through worthy methods, and it is therefore but natural that Mr. Enger in large measure enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

ARA MORRIS CAMFIELD.

Ara Morris Camfield, who has been a resident of Chippewa county for three decades and is therefore largely familiar with its history from pioneer times to the present, is the owner of a tract of land comprising eighty acres on section 25, township 30, range 7, and devotes his attention to dairy farming in Arthur township. His birth occurred in Kalamazoo county, Michigan, on the 30th of June, 1863, his parents being John A. and Mary E. (Herron) Camfield, natives of New York. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, now resides in Michigan but expects soon to come to this county to make his home with our subject. The mother has passed away.

Ara M. Camfield spent his boyhood in Van Buren county, Michigan, and in September, 1883, when a young man of twenty years, came to Chippewa county, Wisconsin. Here he purchased eighty acres of wild land on section 26, township 30, range 7, erected a dwelling, improved the property and continued to reside thereon until 1901. In that year he disposed of the place and bought a tract of eighty acres of wild land on section 25, where he has remained continuously since. He has cleared about forty acres thereof and his buildings include a log house and barn. Mr. Camfield devotes his time and energies to dairy farming and in that connection has won a well merited measure of success. As above stated, he has lived in this county since pioneer days and for many years worked in the lumber camps and on the river. He spent seven years in the logging camps and for three years was engaged in logging on his own account.

In Chippewa county, Mr. Camfield was united in marriage to Miss Ella Wilson, a native of New Richland, Waukesha county, Wisconsin, by whom he has four children, as follows: Viola, who is the wife of Charles Jahnke, a farmer of Arthur township; and Elmer, Charles and Lillie, all at home.

Mr. Camfield gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has held the office of township assessor for two years, while at the present time he acts as justice of the peace and road supervisor, ever discharging his public duties in a highly satisfactory and commendable manner. His wife is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In all the relations of life Mr. Camfield has manifested those sterling traits of manhood which command confidence and awaken regard and is therefore well worthy of the esteem uniformly accorded him.

L. H. YOHNK.

L. H. Yohnk is a representative of one of the well known pioneer families of Chippewa county, and was himself but a lad of seven years when brought to America. He was born near Kiel, Germany, August 23, 1860, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Tierfelt) Yohnk, who in 1868 crossed the broad Atlantic to the new world and traveled across the country until they reached Jim Falls, Chippewa county. The father was first engaged in the lumber mills, but in 1871 purchased one hundred and sixty acres of wild land on section 7, Arthur township. The tract was covered with hardwood timber and there was no road within fifteen miles. Mr. Yohnk built a log house in the midst of the forest and began the development of a farm, cutting away the trees, burning the brush, grubbing up the stumps and continuing the work of improvement until the forest tract was converted into richly cultivated fields. As he prospered in his undertakings, the log house was replaced by a frame residence, that is still standing. The family bore all the hardships and privations of pioneer life, but in time overcame all obstacles and were enabled to enjoy the fruits of persistent and honorable labor. Mr. Yohnk continued a resident of this county until called to his final rest, on the first of December, 1907. The mother still survives and makes her home with her daughter in Superior, Wisconsin. Mr. Yohnk held membership in the Lutheran church. He gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and held many township offices, the duties of which he discharged with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He was one of the earliest settlers of the county and lived to see remarkable changes as the years passed on and when death called him, he left behind the memory of an active and well spent life.

L. H. Yohnk was the elder of two children, his sister being Mrs. John Holland, of Superior, Wisconsin. He was but seven years of age when the family came to the United States, and his experiences were those of the boy who is reared upon the frontier amid surroundings that entail all of the hardships of pioneer life.

He roamed through the woods and learned, appreciated and enjoyed nature. At an early age he went to work in the pineries and there continued until ten

or twelve years ago, since which time he has devoted his entire attention to farming. He came into possession of a part of the old homestead and has added to his holdings until he now has two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land, which responds readily to the care and labor he bestows upon it. There are good improvements upon his place, including a comfortable frame residence and substantial outbuildings for grain and stock. In 1912 he erected one of the largest barns in the township, its dimensions being thirty-six by eighty feet. He has a herd of high-grade Holstein cattle, with a full-blooded bull at the head of the herd. He successfully carries on dairying in connection with general farming and is a man of notable energy and business foresight, carefully managing his affairs so as to secure gratifying returns.

Mr. Yohnk was married in this city to Miss Edith Gardner, who was born in the state of New York and is a daughter of William Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. Yohnk now have five children: Lucius; Rollin; Frank; Elmer and Anna, all yet at home. Mr. Yohnk has always taken a deep and helpful interest in public affairs. For twenty years he was chairman of the board of supervisors for his township and for fifteen years was assessor. For twenty years he has filled the position of school clerk and is still the incumbent of that office. The record which he has made as a business man and citizen is a creditable one and during the forty-five years of his residence in Chippewa county he has gained many friends, chief among them being those who have known him from boyhood, a fact which indicates that his has been an active, useful and well spent life.

GEORGE EDSON DEE.

The Chippewa Herald, with a circulation list of over two thousand subscribers, is today the leading newspaper of Chippewa county and acknowledged to be the most successful four-page daily in the northwest. This result has been brought about by a man of strong personality, comprehensive education and restless energy—George E. Dee. When he took charge of the paper about fifteen years ago, the Chippewa Herald was a struggling country weekly with three hundred and seventy-five subscribers, and it is due to his incessant work that it has come to be recognized as one of the most aggressive and powerful organs among the country press of the state. It largely reflects the opinions of its editor, who never takes an equivocal view of any question but is as outspoken in his editorial columns and in his recommendation of good or condemnation of bad as he is in his private life. It is the mouthpiece of the people, is conducted in the interests of the people and has therefore brought large benefits to those whom it sincerely represents. Mr. Dee has always stood for progress and growth and his paper has strongly reflected these views and has been the means of bringing about much needed improvement in the city and county. Politically it is a clean sheet—republican, honest and unbiased in its opinions and therefore independent, and this independence of opinion can be the more emphasized as its owner and editor has never sought public office and is independent of politics and politicians except for the honest convictions which decide him in favor of republican ideals and principles.



GEORGE E. DEE

George Edson Dee was born in Mulberry Grove, Illinois, November 7, 1873, a son of Charles E. and Sarah B. Dee. He attended the graded schools at Mulberry Grove and high school at Greenville, Illinois, remaining in the latter institution one year and continuing his preparatory course for two years at McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois. His collegiate education consisted of four years in De Pauw University of Greencastle, Indiana, where he took philosophical and literary courses, graduating in the class of 1896. During that time he also did three years' practical work along journalistic lines. He then became principal of the Redkey (Ind.) high school, remaining in that position for two years, and then served one year as superintendent of the Redkey public schools, resigning from that position on May 26, 1898, in order to enter upon newspaper work as his chosen profession. Mr. Dee had always had a particular weakness for journalism and he has ever felt impelled to devote his sole labors toward that important branch of our public life.

For over a year he carefully weighed the advantages and disadvantages of various locations, but upon finding that the Chippewa Herald was for sale, decided that the opportunity he sought had come to hand. Coming to Chippewa Falls, June 27, 1898, he purchased the Herald on July 1, 1898, and published its initial issue on July 5th. He has ever since devoted his entire attention and unflagging energy to the upbuilding of his paper and for fifteen and a half years has been its editor and business manager. Not only does he consider the Herald as a disseminator of news, but he full well recognizes that a newspaper is a powerful medium for educating the people as to all important public issues. Local projects and improvements are discussed in the columns of the Herald, policies of growth and progress are advocated and new movements initiated which may benefit the industrial or agricultural life of the region. More than that, the Herald is an organ of uplift, setting forth intellectual and moral ideals before its readers which are of direct benefit to all those who want to profit by inspired and inspiring articles giving expression to what is good and noble in human nature. Naturally the Herald is largely devoted to local affairs and gives a full account of all the happenings of Chippewa county, but it also boasts of a comprehensive service furnishing the news of the nation and the world. In state and national politics it fairly treats the achievements and shortcomings of our statesmen irrespective of party, giving praise where praise is due and condemning where admonition is in place. The Chippewa Herald (daily) and Weekly Herald are published under the name of the Herald Printing Company, Inc., of which company Mr. Dee is the owner. The firm also engages to a considerable extent in job printing and their work enjoys a reputation for good taste and artistic design, while their prices are very reasonable. The editorial columns Mr. Dee ever employs for setting forth concisely his views upon all questions which affect the local public, and they have become a powerful instrument for good in the community. It is therefore but natural that the paper has been a continuous success. Its advertising patronage has increased as its subscription list has mounted from three hundred and seventy-five to over two thousand, and it is therefore considered by local merchants the foremost and best paying medium for advertising or publicity. Fearless, aggressive and enterprising as its owner is the Herald, and it may be said that both are enthusiastic champions of the community and loyal to the core in their American patriotism. The paper strongly reflects the individuality

of its editor and makes him stand out as an active and practical promoter of worthy public enterprises. In that connection just one fact may be mentioned. In 1912 he raised by the first popular subscription ever here undertaken money for improving the public highways of the county and raised a similar fund in 1913. He and his paper have grown so closely together that both are considered by the general public as one individuality and are popular, highly esteemed and always respected in their opinions, for it has become generally recognized that these opinions have been dictated by a policy of absolute honesty.

Mr. Dee was united in marriage at Anderson, Indiana, on June 4, 1898, to Miss Charlotte Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Turner. There are four daughters born of this union, the Misses Elinor, Nilah, Lois and Dorris Dee. Mr. Dee is a republican but has never sought office. He feels more free to express his opinion if unshackled and unbounden to anyone for political favors. Moreover, his business is remunerative, as it is conducted in a business way and the emoluments of public positions have no attraction for him.

J. O. SNYDER.

For almost twenty years J. O. Snyder has lived in Chippewa county and during that time has been one of the greatest individual forces in promoting the growth of the section. He started the first creamery in Cook Valley, thus introducing into the county cattle-raising on a large scale, and his farming interests have been extensive and important, his work along this line being of substantial value to the community at large. He was born in Walworth county, this state, in 1858, and is a son of William Snyder, a native of New York state, who came to Wisconsin about the year 1848 and followed farming here for many years. He died in Bloomer when he was past the age of eighty-five, and his wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Sybil Barber, passed away at the age of eighty-seven. They were the parents of six children, four of whom are still living.

J. O. Snyder acquired his education in the public schools of Walworth county and after laying aside his books worked as a monthly laborer for one year. He then turned his attention to butter and cheese making and he followed this line of occupation in the southern part of Wisconsin for twelve years thereafter. At the end of that time he moved to Chippewa county and turned his attention to farming, gradually accumulating three hundred and sixty acres of land and developing one of the finest agricultural properties in this locality. He has since sold a portion of his holdings but retains eighty acres, which are in charge of his son, who engages in general farming upon the property. Mr. Snyder has never abandoned his interest in the creamery business and it was he who established the first creamery in Cook Valley, thus giving an impetus to the advancement of the cattle-raising industry in this section of the state. He is now interested in the Bloomer Cooperative Creamery and his judgment is considered sound and reliable in business circles.

Mr. Snyder married Miss Carrie Salisbury and they have two children: Bert L., who operates his father's farm; and Blanche E., who married John L. Eder and who has two children, Izzetta and Caroline. Mr. Snyder is a republican in

ernment land on section 34, Washington township, Rusk county, which was then a part of Chippewa county. The property was entirely covered with timber and no improvements had been made thereon. When the land had been cleared he began its cultivation and has made the place his home to the present time, having erected substantial and commodious buildings and otherwise improved the property. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he extended the boundaries of his farm by an additional purchase of one hundred and twenty acres, so that the place now embraces a quarter section. He carries on general farming and annually harvests good crops which find a ready sale on the market.

In Chippewa county Mr. Gourdoux was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Dallas, a native of this county, by whom he has nine children, as follows: Anna, who is the wife of Fred W. Hennekens; Leonard; Adeline, who gave her hand in marriage to Oscar McCoy; Salestine, a resident of Portland, Oregon; Eulalia, who is a Catholic sister of St. Paul; Raoul, at home; Agnes, a music teacher; Claude; and Christopher.

In his political views Mr. Gourdoux was formerly a republican but now supports the socialist party. He has held various township offices, acting as treasurer for a period of six years and also in the capacity of assessor and supervisor. The duties which have devolved upon him as a public official have ever been faithfully and promptly discharged and his record has been both creditable and commendable. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church, of which his wife and children are also devout communicants. He is well known in the community, and a genial manner and cordial disposition have gained for him many friends.

CLARENCE E. BREED.

There is much that is commendable in the life of Clarence E. Breed, for he has made his own way in the world since nine years of age and through his own efforts has become a prosperous builder and contractor in Holcombe, Chippewa county. Although obstacles had to be overcome and adverse conditions had to be conquered, Mr. Breed has attained to a most substantial position in his community, enjoying in great measure the high regard and confidence of all who know him.

Clarence E. Breed was born in Neillsville, Wisconsin, December 13, 1875, a son of Emery and Martha (Waterman) Breed, natives of this state. The father was a carpenter by trade, which occupation he followed until his death, which occurred about two years ago at the age of sixty-four years. The mother now lives at Waukegan, Illinois. Of their four children two died in childhood, while Chester, a sailor on Lake Michigan, passed away about four years ago at the age of twenty-one.

Clarence E. Breed, the other member of the family, attended common school for a short period, beginning to make his own way in the world at the age of nine years. He was for nine years field manager for the J. L. Gates Land Company, buying and selling timber and timber lands, making estimates for the

firm and doing similar work. For the past seven years he has made his home in Holcombe, where he engaged in carpentering and concrete construction work, and is now doing general contracting, his business connections extending over the entire state. Mr. Breed has proved himself an able and shrewd business man and success has attended his efforts as the years have passed.

Mr. Breed was married to Miss Edna Catherine Anderson, a native of Ward county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Blake) Anderson, both of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Breed have six children: Ruth, Selda, Charles, Clarence, Harry and Arlene. Although Mr. Breed is public-spirited and takes an interest in all matters of public moment, he has never seen fit to ally himself with the political life of his locality. He is first and foremost a business man and prefers to fulfill his duties of citizenship in a private capacity.

JOHN B. KRAMSCHUSTER.

John B. Kramschuster, a well known business man of Bloomer where he is treasurer and manager of the Bloomer Produce Company, and a prosperous farmer of Bloomer township where he owns and operates a fine property of two hundred and twenty-six acres, was born in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, in 1855. He is a son of John and Kunigundis (Gloss) Kramschuster, natives of Germany where their marriage occurred. They came to the United States in 1853 and after spending a short time in Chicago moved to Jefferson county where they were among the pioneer settlers. The father was a farmer during all of his active life, but for the past eleven years has lived in retirement in Bloomer. He is eighty-six years of age and his wife is eighty-four. They celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary June 17, 1913. Nine children were born to their union, three of whom still survive: John B., of this review; Barney, engaged in farming; and Mrs. Pfeifer, of Chippewa Falls.

John B. Kramschuster acquired his education in the Watertown public schools and afterward followed logging in the woods and on the rivers for some time, abandoning this occupation finally and turning his attention to farming. He has lived in Chippewa county since 1869 and has farmed on various properties, although for the past twenty-seven or eight years he has lived upon his present farm. This comprises two hundred and twenty-six acres lying in Bloomer township and upon it Mr. Kramschuster engages in general farming, stock-raising and dairying. He has made excellent improvements, erecting substantial barns and outbuildings and installing labor-saving machinery. He devotes a great deal of time to his farming operations but is also active in business circles of Bloomer where his ability is recognized and respected. In May, 1902, he was one of the incorporators of the Bloomer Produce Company and has since been a member of the board of directors. In 1909 he was elected treasurer and manager and again in 1911 and these positions he still holds, discharging his duties in an able and conscientious way. Henry Leveis, Sr., is president of the concern and Andrew Hansen of Chippewa Falls is vice president. The company handles all kinds of farm produce, such as hay, grain, potatoes, fertilizer, etc., and maintains a large warehouse near the Omaha tracks. It controls a large and growing

patronage and the enterprise is one of the most important of its kind in this part of the county.

Mr. Kramschuster married Miss Katie Boehm and they became the parents of fourteen children: Peter, who has passed away; John; Joseph; Anthony; Peter, the second of the name; Mary; Annie; Elizabeth; Margaret; Leo; Robert; Lena; Monica, deceased; and George.

Mr. Kramschuster holds membership in the Roman Catholic church and is identified with the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and has held a number of public offices, having been supervisor, clerk and assessor of Bloomer township. In both official and business circles he is highly esteemed and respected as a man thoroughly upright and honorable in whatever relation of life he is found.

MATH MULLEN.

Math Mullen, living three and a half miles southeast of Bloomer, on a farm of two hundred and eighty acres, was born in Norway in 1869 and is a son of Samuel and Hilda Johanna Mullen, who are still residents of that country. They became the parents of ten children.

Math Mullen acquired his education in the public schools of Norway and after laying aside his books remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He then emigrated to America and, coming to Chippewa county, worked at various occupations, principally farming and lumbering, until 1901, when he bought two hundred and eighty acres of land in Tilden township. Upon this property he has since resided and he has greatly improved it during the intervening years, erecting a comfortable barn, a good silo and other farm buildings. He engages in general farming and dairying and under his able management his has become one of the most productive and valuable properties in this section of the county.

Mr. Mullen married Miss Anna Wilson, who was born in Norway, and they have become the parents of seven children, Herman, Clara, Inga, Selma, Christina, Alvin and Edward. Mr. Mullen is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and a republican in his political beliefs. He is a man whose energy and industry have formed the basis of his success and, being of good character and interested in the general welfare of the township, he is numbered among its most substantial and desirable citizens.

BERT KENNEDY.

Bert Kennedy, carrying on general farming and dairying upon an eighty-acre tract of land in Bloomer township, is a native son of Chippewa county, born on the old Kennedy homestead in 1878. His father, Charles W. Kennedy, was a native of Canada and came to the United States when he was a young man, locating in Chippewa county, three quarters of a mile south of the homestead

belonging to the subject of this review. He followed general farming during the remainder of his active life, dying upon his holdings at the age of fifty-two. He married Miss Sarah Wright, also a native of Canada, and eight children were born to their union, as follows: Mrs. Della Amenson; Bert, of this review; Duncan and Elizabeth, who have passed away; Charles; Fannie; Walter; and Wright.

Bert Kennedy acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after he laid aside his books turned his attention to farming, an occupation in which he had been reared. He operated the homestead for some time and then moved to his present farm, whereon he has since carried forward the work of improvement and development. He has built an excellent barn and other good farm buildings and has installed labor-saving machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. Upon this fine property he engages in general farming and dairying and his well directed labors have been rewarded by a gratifying degree of success.

Mr. Kennedy married Miss Edith Bassett, and they have become the parents of six children, Hazel, Blanche, Mildred, Gladys, Lee and Earl. Mr. Kennedy is a republican in his political beliefs and is interested in the growth and progress of the community, cooperating heartily in measures and projects for the general advancement and development. He is well known in social and agricultural circles, for he has attained a gratifying degree of success and is a native son of whom Chippewa county has every reason to be proud.

GEORGE BESTRUP.

George Bestrup, an industrious and enterprising agriculturist of Cleveland township, is the owner of a farm comprising eighty acres on section 28, township 31, range 7. His birth occurred in Denmark on the 23d of September, 1861, his parents being Peter and Kate Bestrup, the former still a resident of that country and the latter deceased. He attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained in the land of his nativity until twenty-one years of age. In 1882, wishing to test the truth of the many favorable reports which had reached him concerning the opportunities and advantages of the new world, he set sail for the United States. Landing on American shores with but little capital, he was obliged to seek employment and for three years worked in a factory at Gowanda, New York, as a grinder of axes. Subsequently he engaged in farming near Bay City, Michigan, and later was employed in cement works at Utica, Illinois. In 1899, in association with his brother, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of wild land in Chippewa county, Wisconsin, the property being on section 28, township 31, range 7. No road led to the place and no improvements had been made thereon. The brother of our subject eventually sold his share in the property and removed to Canada, but George Bestrup remained on the farm and still owns his eighty-acre tract, about forty acres of which are cleared and under cultivation. He erected a frame residence, barn and outbuildings and now has a well improved and productive farm which annually returns to him a gratifying income.

In Chippewa county, Mr. Bestrup was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Hogan, a native of Canada, who passed away on the 24th of April, 1911. He is a democrat in his political views but casts an independent ballot at local elections, supporting the candidates and measures that he believes will further the best interests of the people. He is now serving for the third year as chairman of the board of supervisors in Cleveland township. In religious belief he is a Lutheran, having been reared in the faith of that church. Coming to the new world in early manhood, he eagerly availed himself of the opportunities here afforded and by dint of untiring industry and energy has worked his way steadily upward until he is now widely recognized as one of the substantial and esteemed citizens of his community.

WILLIAM SCHROEDER.

William Schroeder, a resident of Chippewa county for the past twenty-eight years, devotes his attention to mixed farming and is the owner of a tract of land comprising one hundred and forty acres on section 25, Sigel township. He was born in Germany, in 1871, a son of Fred and Christina (Waechter) Schroeder, whom he accompanied on their emigration to the new world in 1885. Both have passed away and lie buried at Tilden, Wisconsin.

William Schroeder, who was a youth of fourteen when he came to the United States with his parents, continued his education in Sigel township, this county, for one year. After putting aside his text-books he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm for six years, becoming thoroughly familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. When he had attained his majority he acquired a tract of one hundred and forty acres on section 25, Sigel township, and has remained thereon continuously since, giving his time and energies to mixed farming and keeping about six horses, twenty cattle and eight hogs. The residence and other buildings on the place have been erected by him and stand as monuments to his enterprise, thrift and industry. He enjoys a gratifying annual income and is recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of his community.

In his political views Mr. Schroeder is a republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. He is well known in the locality and a genial manner and cordial disposition have gained for him many friends.

HENRY HENNEMANN.

Henry Hennemann, who follows farming in Auburn township, has for the past sixteen years been connected with agricultural interests of this locality and is today one of the prosperous farmers of Chippewa county, owning and operating two hundred and forty acres of fine land seven miles west of Bloomer. He was born near Chippewa Falls in 1858 and is a son of John H. Hennemann, a

native of Germany, who came to the United States in 1854, locating in Ohio. One year afterward he moved to Chippewa Falls and resided for many years west of Tilden Mill. His death occurred near Bloomer, in the eighty-third year of his age. He and his wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Anna Plotner, became the parents of twelve children.

Henry Hennemann acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books began working in the lumber woods, spending seventeen winters at this occupation. He afterward took up his residence in the vicinity of Chippewa Falls and in 1897 purchased two hundred and forty acres in Auburn township. Since he moved upon his property he has erected all of the buildings and made other substantial improvements. He is meeting with more than ordinary success in his farming and dairy operations.

Mr. Hennemann married Miss Sarah Helwig and they have become the parents of five children, Arthur, Ella, Raymond, Dora and Emmons, all of whom live at home. Mr. Hennemann is a republican in his political beliefs, is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and holds membership in the Evangelical church. His excellent qualities of character and his enterprising spirit have gained him high standing as a citizen of the community and his ability and energy have made him well known in business circles.

EDWARD G. AND BENJAMIN J. WALTER.

Edward G. and Benjamin J. Walter constitute the firm of Walter Brothers, engaged in general agricultural pursuits on section 13, Tilden township. They not only are connected in their business affairs but also occupy the same residence and have been closely connected in all their interests throughout their entire lives. In addition to owning and improving a farm of five hundred and sixty acres in Tilden and Eagle Point townships, they are likewise the owners of a flour mill. They have been residents of Chippewa county since 1885. The elder brother, Edward G. Walter, was born in Mazomanie, Dane county, Wisconsin, October 12, 1881, and the younger on the 12th of August, 1883. Their parents were George and Fannie (Badrutt) Walter. The father became a contractor and afterward turned his attention to farming and to the manufacture of flour and feed. He was not only active in business circles of the county, but was also prominent in public affairs and was called to the office of county treasurer two terms. He was popular with his many friends, was a devoted husband and father and a public-spirited citizen, whose aid could be counted upon to further any movement for the general good. He died July 12, 1903, at the age of forty-seven years and was laid to rest in the Forest Hill cemetery. His wife still survives, together with their four children, the daughters being: Anna M., now the wife of Dr. H. F. Henneman, of Sauk Centre, Minnesota; and Amelie A., who is private secretary to the secretary of the state board of health. A son, Emil F. Walter, who was a bright and loving boy, died July 9, 1903, at the age of fourteen years and was laid to rest in the Forest Hill cemetery. The farm which is now being cultivated by the brothers was originally the property of the father, who made splendid improvements upon it, built the

mill and barn and remodeled the residence. In fact he made the place one of the model farm properties of the county. The family is of German lineage and many of the sterling characteristics of the German people are found in the latter generations.

The father removed with the family to Chippewa county when the sons were but little lads and they pursued their education as pupils in the district schools and in the public schools of Chippewa Falls. Edward G. Walter was sixteen years of age when he left school. Soon afterward he took up the study of telegraphy and afterward acted as telegraph operator in various places for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad Company, spending four years in that way. On the expiration of that period he returned home and took charge of the farm. While he raises good crops, he has also made a study of breeding, raising and handling pure-bred Belgian and Percheron horses and high-grade cattle. He is following in the footsteps of his father and through the employment of progressive, modern-day methods is meeting with substantial success. Aside from his farming interests he is engaged in the manufacture of flour and is the president of the Tilden Creamery Company and chairman of the town of Tilden.

On the 12th of August, 1909, in Chippewa Falls, Mr. Walter was married to Miss Alice J. Hennemann, a daughter of J. W. and Catherine Hennemann, who were pioneer farming people of this county. The father was also a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and his life was a potent element for good in the moral development of the community. He died in 1908 and was laid to rest in the Forest Hill cemetery. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Chippewa Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Walter now have two children, Earl and Gladys.

Benjamin J. Walter attended school to the age of fourteen years and then began assisting his father, being thus employed until he became a partner of his brother in the conduct of the old homestead farm of five hundred and sixty acres, situated in Tilden and Eagle Point townships. Both brothers are enterprising, progressive men who did not fear hard labor nor that close attention to details so necessary to success. They are both republicans in their political views and hold membership in the German Methodist Episcopal church and sterling worth commands for them the confidence, good-will and high regard of all with whom they have been associated. Their position in both business and social circles is an enviable one and they are classed with the popular residents of Tilden township.

ERNEST SCHEIDECKER.

For a number of years general farming and dairying have commanded the attention of Ernest Scheidecker, who lives upon a farm of eighty acres four miles west of Bloomer, in Auburn township, where he bears the reputation of being an enterprising and up-to-date citizen as well as a progressive and representative agriculturist. He was born in Germany in 1867 and is a son of Fred

Scheidecker, who came to the United States in 1870, settling in Wisconsin. Ernest Scheidecker was at that time three and a half years of age and he grew to manhood in this state, acquiring his education in the public schools of Chippewa county. After laying aside his books he engaged in farm labor in the employ of others for some time and finally purchased a farm near Bloomer, which he operated for several years. This he sold in 1903 and purchased property four miles west of the town, upon which he has since resided. He engages in general farming and dairying and has greatly improved his property, which is today productive and valuable. He has built a new barn upon it and has made other substantial improvements.

Mr. Scheidecker married Miss Minnie Fehr, and they have five children, Paul, Herman, Carl, Walter and Annie. Mr. Scheidecker is a republican in his political beliefs and interested in the progress and growth of the township. The success which has attended his labors well entitles him to recognition among the prosperous, enterprising and representative citizens of the community and his many sterling traits of character have won him the warm friendship and regard of those with whom he has come in contact.

ANTON NECHVATAL.

Good farm buildings in the midst of a well cultivated tract of land attest the enterprising spirit and progressive methods of Anton Nechvatal, who was born in Bohemia on the 20th of December, 1881. His father, Joseph Nechvatal, died when the son was but six months old and he was brought to the United States when a little lad of three summers. His mother afterward married again, becoming the wife of Joseph Sebesta in Manitowoc county, Wisconsin. Anton Nechvatal then made his home with his mother and stepfather and in 1899 the latter purchased eighty acres of slightly improved land on section 26, township 30, range 7. Anton Nechvatal and his stepbrother, James Sebesta, began farming this in partnership, while the stepfather purchased another tract of one hundred and sixty acres near by on section 36. It was wild land on which no furrow had been turned, or improvement made. For five years Joseph Sebesta lived upon his farm assisting the boys, but he now makes his home in Manitowoc county where he owns a good tract of land. Anton Nechvatal and his stepbrother purchased the land in Chippewa county from Mr. Sebesta. They today own one hundred and sixty acres each and are progressive farmers, carrying on their work along modern lines, productive of good results. Mr. Nechvatal has recently erected good buildings upon his place, including a modern residence and substantial barns and outbuildings. He came to this county in 1901 and has lived at his present place since 1906.

Mr. Nechvatal was married in Chippewa county to Miss Mary Foreman, who was born in South Dakota and is a daughter of John Foreman, who now lives in this county. Unto this marriage have been born three children: Emil, Edward and Lester.

Mr. Nechvatal is independent in politics, nor does he seek or desire office. He prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and by unremitting

industry and perseverance has gained the success which has come to him. He is yet a comparatively young man, but has already attained a measure of prosperity that others might envy and his history shows what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do.

CHARLES KENNEDY.

Charles Kennedy lives upon a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres two and one-half miles southeast of Bloomer and this property he and his brother Wright operate in a progressive and practical manner. He was born upon the homestead in 1885 and is a son of Charles Kennedy. He acquired his education in the district schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books worked at various places in the United States, going as far west as the Pacific coast. In 1911 he returned to Wisconsin and he and his brother purchased the interests of the other heirs in the homestead. Since that time they have engaged together in general farming and dairying and have met with a substantial and gratifying success. The farm is a well improved one, Mr. Kennedy's mother having erected all of the buildings, and nothing is neglected which will add to its attractive appearance or value.

Mr. Kennedy is independent in his political views, voting for men and measures without regard to party lines. He is one of the well known farmers of this locality and is a careful, prudent man of business who merits and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the entire community.

JOHN O'ROURKE.

John O'Rourke, one of the practical, progressive and able farmers of Auburn township, owns a fine property of one hundred and sixty acres three miles west of Bloomer, and another tract of one hundred and twenty acres in that locality. He was born in Canada, November 19, 1855, and is a son of Samuel O'Rourke, also a native of the Dominion. He engaged in farming during his active life but is now living retired, making his home with the subject of this review. He and his wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Olive Geumo, became the parents of eight children.

John O'Rourke acquired his education in the public schools of Canada and after laying aside his books assisted his father with the operation of the homestead until 1876. In that year he went to Chicago, going from there to Chippewa Falls. He turned his attention to farming in Chippewa county in 1904, moving on to his present property, and he has since given his attention almost entirely to his agricultural interests, his holdings now comprising two hundred and eighty acres. He engages in general farming and dairying and his property is well kept, having a comfortable residence and all the necessary buildings and machinery.

Mr. O'Rourke married Miss Clara Ayotte, and they became the parents of thirteen children: Liza, who married Harry Clarke and has three children, Claude, Kenneth and Clarence; Samuel; Marshall; Emma, who has passed away; Anna; Adrian; Harry; Leonard; Elo; Arthur; Clara; Bernard; and a child who died in infancy.

Mr. O'Rourke is a member of the Roman Catholic church of Bloomer and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. His business affairs are carefully conducted and his substantial qualities make him a valued citizen as well as a prosperous and progressive farmer.

OSCAR BEKKEN.

Oscar Bekken, a prosperous farmer of Bloomer township, carrying on general farming and dairying upon one hundred and twenty acres of land three miles southeast of Bloomer, was born upon this property in 1881. He is a son of Otto Bekken, a native of Norway, who came to the United States as a young man and located in Bloomer township, following farming from that time until his death with the exception of four years which he spent as the proprietor of a hotel in Superior. He died in that city at the age of forty-three. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Anna Jackson, survives him and makes her home in Sparta. They became the parents of four children: two daughters who have passed away; Oscar, of this review; and Aleck, a resident of Sparta.

Oscar Bekken acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books turned his attention to farming. After his father's death he aided his mother with the operation of the homestead and has since purchased the property, remodeling the house which she built upon it. He gives his attention largely to dairying and raising potatoes and is meeting with a substantial degree of success, following always the most progressive and practical methods.

Mr. Bekken married Miss Minnie Anderson, and they have become the parents of five children, Edward, Herbert, Olga, Alice and Mabel. Mr. Bekken is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and is a republican in his political beliefs. He is one of Bloomer township's most progressive and successful native sons and his straightforward dealing, together with his industry, have won him an excellent reputation as a substantial and desirable citizen.

JACOB GFHRING.

With the exception of a few years spent in Kansas, Jacob Gehring has been identified with the farming interests of Chippewa county since 1864 and during that time has made his name respected and esteemed in this section of the state, for he is an enterprising and energetic business man, who carefully controls his individual interests and at the same time is never unmindful of his

duties of citizenship. He was born in Germany in 1849, a son of Jacob Gehring, who came to Chippewa county in 1864 and engaged in farming here. He was killed in a railroad accident at Glenwood, Iowa, when he was sixty-eight years of age. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Barbara Werner, died in Tilden township.

Jacob Gehring acquired his education in the public schools of Germany and accompanied his parents to America when he was fifteen years of age. At a very early period he became identified with farming interests in Chippewa county but after a few years moved to Kansas, where, however, he spent only a short time. Returning to Chippewa county, he located upon his present farm and here he has since engaged in general agricultural pursuits and dairying, witnessing a great deal of advancement of the county and taking advantage of the opportunities thus offered to further his own interests and promote the general welfare.

Mr. Gehring married Miss Mary E. Maier, and they have nine children: Rose, Eddie, Susie, Louise, Emma, Clara, George, Arthur, and Robert. Mr. Gehring is a republican in his political beliefs, holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is an energetic man, having always been inspired by a spirit of progress, and his long years of success and his present prosperity are due entirely to his own exertions.

FRANK WAGNER.

Frank Wagner carries on general agricultural pursuits on section 14, Howard township, where he has a farm of two hundred and forty acres that pays golden tribute to the care and labor he bestows upon it. He has always made his home in Chippewa county, his birth having occurred here in October, 1869. He is a son of John Peter and Mary (Ball) Wagner, who for many years were residents of this part of the state. The father, however, died in 1882, but the mother still survives and makes her home in Chippewa Falls. In their family were five children: John, who died in February, 1913, and was laid to rest in the Tilden cemetery; Mary, the wife of Alexander McClennan, residing at Clear Lake, Wisconsin; Frank; Matthew, a machinist of Portland, Oregon; and Anne, who died in the spring of 1899, her remains also being laid away in the Tilden cemetery.

Frank Wagner became a pupil in the public schools of Chippewa county and pursued his education to the age of fourteen years, when his text books were laid aside and he began farm work on his father's place, there remaining until the father's death, after which he assisted his brother on his farm which was later inherited by Frank Wagner according to the terms of his brother's will. He is today cultivating about two hundred acres of the farm which comprises two hundred and forty acres and he devotes his attention to the raising of grain and to the conduct of a dairy. All modern equipments and accessories are found upon his place and the methods which he employs in tilling his fields are productive of excellent results. His dairy too is well appointed and he finds a ready sale

for its products. His life has been one of intense activity intelligently directed and the years have crowned his labors with success.

Mr. Wagner was married in this county in the fall of 1893 to Miss Emma Olson, a daughter of Tobias and Mary Olson, who are now residents of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner have eleven children: Clara, Lawrence, Mamie, Tobias, Viola, George, Eva, William, Fred, Theresa and David. All are still at home with the exception of the eldest daughter, Clara, who is now the wife of Joe Clarrisea, a liquor dealer of St. Paul. The family home is a pleasant one and Mr. Wagner has erected other substantial buildings upon his farm, furnishing ample shelter to grain and stock.

Mr. Wagner holds membership in the Catholic church and in politics is independent, voting for the man who he thinks best suited for office, regardless of party connections. A life-long resident of Chippewa county, he is well known and that his life has been well spent is indicated by the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

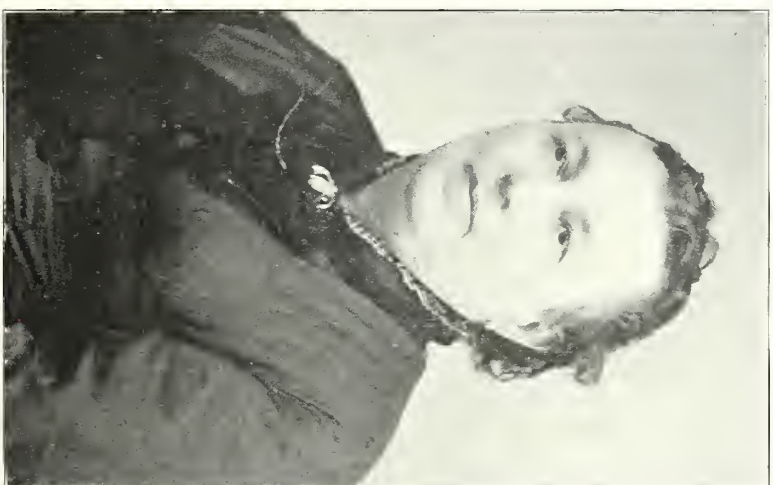
A. P. BATEMAN.

A. P. Bateman is the owner of an excellent farm of two hundred and ninety-seven acres on section 7, Lafayette township, where he resides. He has lived in this county since 1854 and in all of the years which have since come and gone has been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred and has borne his part in the work of general development and improvement. He was only six years of age when he arrived in the county having been born in Sun Prairie, Dane county, Wisconsin, November 10, 1848. He comes of Irish ancestry and is a son of M. P. and Mary E. (Enyert) Bateman. The father came to this county in 1853 and bought out the interest of his brother, John Berry Bateman, and in 1854 settled here with his family. At the time of his arrival the entire county was largely a wilderness. The land was covered with a heavy growth of timber and Mr. Bateman cleared a large amount of it. He was an enterprising farmer and a progressive and popular citizen. He operated a sawmill, taking the lumber down the Mississippi river to various markets. The Bateman railroad station and schoolhouse were named in his honor. For many years he served his town as chairman and took a general interest in the welfare and improvement of the county. His political support was always given to the republican party. He died May 20, 1880, at the age of sixty-two years and his wife, long surviving him, passed away November 28, 1902. Both were laid to rest in the family lot in the Lafayette cemetery.

A. P. Bateman acquired his education in Frenchtown and Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He was eighteen years of age when he left the log schoolhouse to learn the more difficult lessons which one must master in the school of experience. He met the usual hardships of pioneer life yet he made good use of his time and opportunities. There were still many Indians and few white people in the district during the period of his youth. Eau Claire at that time contained a sawmill, a blacksmith shop and a boarding house, but today has a population of twenty-



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two thousand. Similar conditions existed in Chippewa Falls and thus it is that Mr. Bateman has witnessed almost the entire growth and development of his section of the state. He worked in the lumber woods in connection with farming and also operated the sawmill that was formerly owned by his father. He cleared about ninety acres of land himself and had a tract of similar size under cultivation. He also became the owner of one hundred sixty acres on section 10, Lafayette township, and his total holdings now comprise four hundred and fifty-seven acres. Mr. Bateman carries on general farming and dairying and he has won success in all that he has undertaken. He is determined and industrious and his honorable efforts have brought him reward.

Mr. Bateman was married at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, July 7, 1881, to Miss Isabella Hannon, of Cadott, a daughter of Patrick Hannon, a farmer of Sigel township. Mrs. Isabella (Hannon) Bateman died January 7, 1896, and on December 28, 1898, Mr. Bateman married Catherine E. Allen, a daughter of John and Jane (Hall) Allen, natives of Ireland, who settled first in Germantown, then in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and later in Cleveland township, where the father engaged in farming. The mother died April 24, 1907, but the father is still living near our subject's farm. Mrs. Bateman taught in the public schools of this county for eight years.

Mr. Bateman has a family of ten children, seven born of his first marriage and three of his second. The children of the first marriage are Blanche, the wife of Roy Barker, a farmer of Kirkland, Washington; Hilda, the wife of James Love, a farmer of Montana; Carrie, the wife of C. Simmons, a farmer of Touchet, Washington; Bessie, who died at the age of nine years and is buried in the Bateman cemetery; Forrest, a farmer of Sigel township; Charles and Ernest who are assisting their father. The three children of the second marriage are Chester, Helen and Henry, all of whom are attending school. The family home is one of the finest residences in Chippewa county and upon the farm are substantial barns and all other modern improvements.

In politics Mr. Bateman is a republican, earnest and stalwart in support of his party, and he has served as chairman in Lafayette township. He was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belongs to the Episcopal church as does his wife. His life has been active, useful and honorable and he enjoys the respect and friendship of the many friends and neighbors among whom he has long lived. Having been a resident of the county for almost six decades he deserves to be numbered among its pioneer citizens.

ISAAC LUND.

Isaac Lund, who for the past twenty-two years has engaged in general farming and dairying upon a fine property of two hundred acres, three-quarters of a mile west of Bloomer, was born in Norway, and is a son of Austin Lund, also a native of that country, where he resided until his death. Isaac Lund came to America when he was twenty years of age and for a time worked in the mills and stores in the vicinity of Eau Claire, this state. He remained there four and one-half years and at the end of that time went to Nine Mile House,

this county, where he remained five years, spending one year as chore boy for G. P. Hopkins and the remainder of the time in the logging business. He came to Bloomer township about 1883 and twenty-two years ago located upon his present farm, where he engages in general agricultural pursuits and dairying. He has erected all of the buildings upon the property and has steadily carried forward the work of improvement and development, the years bringing him steadily increasing success and prominence.

Mr. Lund married Miss Lena Thompson and they have five children, Ida, Edwin, Alma, Ella and Laura. Mr. Lund is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Equitable Fraternal Union. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and during the thirty years of his residence here has been active in public affairs, serving for two years as sheriff of the county, for one year as treasurer of the town board, for twelve years as chairman and for a long period as a member of the school board. He is a man of good business ability, recognized as an industrious and able farmer who has made good use of his opportunities and has therefore prospered from year to year.

F. B. WOODARD.

F. B. Woodard, one of the progressive and successful young farmers and stock-raisers of Bloomer township, owns seventy-five acres of land a half mile west of Bloomer and rents his father's farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He constantly follows the most practical and modern methods in the development of this property, and at an early age has won a gratifying degree of success. He is a native of Chippewa county, born on the old home farm June 5, 1883, his father being Western Woodard, well known in agricultural circles of this locality.

F. B. Woodard was reared upon the homestead and when he was still a child assisted with its operation, becoming in this way familiar with the best agricultural methods. He acquired his early education in the public schools of Bloomer and afterward took a course in agriculture in the State University at Madison. After completing it he returned to Bloomer township, purchased seventy-five acres of land and rented one hundred and sixty from his father, turning his attention to farming, stock-raising and dairying. He makes a specialty of raising pure-bred stock and his herd is headed by Reg Guernsey, a bull whose dam as a two year old produced milk from which four hundred and fifteen pounds of butter were made in one year. Mr. Woodard has thirty pure-blood milch cows, all registered, one of which when three years old produced milk from which four hundred and fifty pounds of butter fat was obtained. Cream and other dairy products are shipped to eastern markets where they command a high price and a ready sale.

Mr. Woodard married Miss Ida Trankle and both are well and favorably known in this part of the county. Mr. Woodard is a republican in his political beliefs and is at present a member of the school board. He is counted among the men who by their scientific methods and unremitting industry have made

distinct contributions to the agricultural development of this section and although he is still a young man is already classed with representative and successful citizens.

JACOB WIRTH.

Jacob Wirth, a substantial farmer and highly respected citizen of Auburn township, where he is the proprietor of a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, is a native of Switzerland, born in 1875. His father, Conrad Wirth, came to the United States in 1879, settling first in Michigan and later in Milwaukee, this state. He came to Chippewa county about the year 1898 and turned his attention to farming, dying upon the property now owned by the subject of this review when he was sixty years of age. He married Miss Elizabeth Bienz, and they had four children.

Jacob Wirth was four years of age when he accompanied his parents to America and he acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county. He afterward turned his attention to farming upon the homestead and after his father's death came into possession of the property. He has since concentrated his attention upon its development and the results of his labors are seen in its attractive and excellent condition. He engages in general farming and has also extensive dairy interests.

Mr. Wirth married Miss Mary Price, and they have five children, Margaret, John, Charles, George and Albert. Mr. Wirth is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Beavers and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the German Lutheran church. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is at the present time serving as chairman of the town board. He is a man of high business and personal principles, thoroughly reliable in all his transactions, and to his unflagging industry and well directed efforts may be attributed the success he has attained.

J. TYLER PAINE.

Agricultural interests of Bloomer township find a progressive and worthy representative in J. Tyler Paine, living upon a fine property of one hundred and sixty acres two and one-fourth miles southwest of Bloomer. He is a member of one of the well known pioneer families of this section, being a son of Simeon S. Paine, a native of Maine, who mined in California for a number of years and who came to Wisconsin in 1865. Two years later he purchased the farm now owned by the subject of this review and upon the property engaged successfully in agricultural pursuits until his death which occurred when he was fifty-two years of age. He married Miss Martha M. Usry and they became the parents of four children: Joseph M., who lives in Montana; J. Tyler, of this review; Mrs. Alma H. Donahue; and Mrs. Elizabeth Louise Kyle.

J. Tyler Paine was born in Sacramento county, California, in 1865 and before he was one year old was brought to Chippewa county, this state, where he has since resided. He acquired his education in the public schools, dividing his time in his childhood between his studies and work upon his father's farm. After laying aside his books he began farming upon the homestead which has been his property since the death of his father. He has made substantial improvements upon it, providing it with excellent buildings and modern machinery and the farm is today one of the finest and most productive in this section of the county.

Mr. Paine married Miss Nettie May McGregor and they have become the parents of six children: John Lyman and Simeon Lyle, twins; Iva; Malcolm; Mary; and Archie. Fraternally Mr. Paine is identified with the Order of Beavers and he is a democrat in his political beliefs. He is one of the active and progressive farmers of this township, a man of good business capacity and enterprise and of unquestioned business integrity, and he enjoys in unusual degree the confidence and respect of the entire community.

JOSEPH PAULUS.

Joseph Paulus, the proprietor of the Central Hotel in Bloomer and well known in this locality as a farsighted and able business man, was born in Germany in 1872 and is a son of Sylvester Paulus, a native of that country, who came to the United States in 1882, settling in Wisconsin. He followed farming for a number of years thereafter, dying in Douglas county in 1912.

Joseph Paulus was ten years of age when he accompanied his parents to America and his education was completed in the public schools of Wisconsin. After he grew to manhood he turned his attention to farming, buying two hundred and forty acres six miles west of Bloomer. This property he sold in 1911 and moved into the town, where he purchased the Central Hotel, which he has since owned. He has proved capable and farsighted in the management of his interests and the hotel is conducted according to a progressive policy which has made it a very popular hostelry.

Mr. Paulus married Miss Lillian Crisman and they have become the parents of two children, Leon and Mildred. Mr. Paulus is a republican in his political beliefs and has served as a member of the side board and as school clerk. His attention is, however, chiefly concentrated upon his business affairs, in which he has won gratifying and well merited success.

JAMES SEBESTA.

James Sebesta is the owner of a farm on section 26, township 30, range 7, Chippewa county. He was born in Manitowoc county, January 24, 1883, a son of Joseph Sebesta. His own mother died when he was very young and the father afterward married Mrs. Joseph Nechvatal. The family home was established in Chippewa county in 1901, after which he and his stepbrother, Anton Nechvatal,

engaged in farming in partnership, on land which his father had purchased in 1899. Later the subject of this review purchased the farm and he now owns one hundred and sixty acres of the rich land which has made this section of the state famous. The farm was improved with good buildings, which he has ever kept in a state of excellent repair. The place is divided into fields of convenient size, by well kept fences, and the farm work is conducted along progressive lines productive of good results. Mr. Sebesta and his stepbrother still work together and have always maintained many interests in common. Mr. Sebesta conducts a dairy business in addition to general farming, the rich meadow lands affording excellent pasturage to his stock. The products of his dairy command a good sale and the income derived therefrom is a substantial one.

Mr. Sebesta was married in Chippewa county to Miss Emma Vlasnik, daughter of Joseph Vlasnik, a farmer of the same township. Their children are two in number, Charles and Alois. Industry is the rule of Mr. Sebesta's life and to it he has closely adhered. It is thus that he has worked his way upward step by step until he is now classed with the representative agriculturists of the community.

GOTTLIEB TURNER.

Gottlieb Turner is known as one of the representative farmers of Eagle Point township. His home is situated six miles east of Bloomer and the farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land, in addition to which he owns eighty acres of timber land. He was born in Germany, seventy-six years ago, his birth having occurred on the 19th of August, 1837. He was but a young lad when his father died. His youth was spent in Germany, but the stories which he heard concerning the opportunities of the new world led him at length to try his fortune on this side the Atlantic. He made his way to the United States when twenty-seven years of age, arriving in 1865. He did not tarry on the eastern coast but continued overland and at length reached Chippewa county, settling at once upon the farm which has since been his home. When it came into his possession it was covered with a dense growth of timber. He has cleared the entire place, performing the arduous task of cutting away the trees, grubbing up the stumps and preparing the land for the plow. The soil, naturally rich and productive, has brought to him substantial harvests as the years have gone by and success has rewarded his labors, so that he is now in comfortable financial circumstances. He has erected all of the buildings upon his farm and he is one of the oldest settlers of his part of the county. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and dairying, and both branches of his business have brought to him substantial returns. In the early days he had to cradle his wheat and do his mowing by hand, but as the years have gone by he has been enabled to purchase the modern, improved machinery and now has all of the farm implements and accessories necessary to facilitate the work of the fields.

It was after his arrival in this county that Mr. Turner was united in marriage to Miss Paulina Rietz, and they became the parents of ten children, but Ed, the second born, is deceased, and the youngest died in infancy. Those still living are William, Gust, Emil, Henry, Samuel, Ida, Lelia and Bertha.

Mr. Turner is an independent voter, supporting men and measures rather than party. He belongs to the Lutheran church at Bloomer and contributed generously toward its building. He has always been interested in the moral development of the community and his life has been a potent force in promoting progress along that line. For almost a half century he has lived in this county and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He has lived to see the forests cut down and the land converted into productive farms, while towns and villages have sprung up and been transformed into thriving cities. He rejoices in what has been accomplished and, while he has many pleasant memories of the past, he is not one who claims that the days of old were better than present times.

ROBERT MEIER.

A native son of Chippewa county and one of the most successful agriculturists and dairymen of Auburn township is Robert Meier, who was born upon the property he now operates in 1885. He is a son of John Meier, for many years a well known agriculturist in that locality.

Robert Meier acquired his education in the public schools of this county and during his childhood aided his father with the operation of the homestead. Since the latter went west Mr. Meier of this review has had entire charge of the property, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres and lies four and a half miles west of Bloomer. There are excellent buildings upon the place and modern machinery and Mr. Meier follows the most practical and progressive methods in its operation. He carries on general farming and dairying and his close application and unfaltering energy have constituted strong features in his success.

Mr. Meier married, in 1910, Miss Augusta Lamberg, a native of Chippewa county, and they have two children, Edna and Alma. Mr. Meier is a republican in his political beliefs and a devout member of the German Lutheran church. He is still a young man but has already secured a high place in agricultural circles, while his straightforward and upright life has gained for him the esteem and regard of the entire community.

FRED CRANK.

Fred Crank, who since 1867 has lived upon a fine farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Bloomer township, is known as an excellent representative of the agricultural life of this community, a man to whom many years of well directed labor have brought a substantial and gratifying success. He was born in Waukesha in 1850, and is a son of Anton Crank, a native of Germany, who came to the United States when he was about twenty-two years of age. He settled first in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, whence he moved to Waukesha, there engaging in railroad work and helping to build the first track in that locality. He after-

ward turned his attention to farming in Chippewa county, dying when he was past sixty years of age. He married in this county and had six children.

Fred Crank acquired his education in the public schools of Waukesha and after laying aside his books worked in the lumber woods and in the sawmills until 1867. He then came to Chippewa county and on March 17th of that year purchased two hundred and twenty acres in Bloomer township, a property whereon he has since resided. For a time he worked also in the lumber woods but of late has concentrated his attention entirely upon his agricultural and dairy interests which are today extensive and important.

Mr. Crank has been twice married. He wedded first Miss Anna Baumgan and after her death married Helen Derrick. He has six children, Joe, John, Fred, Anton, Maggie, and Agnes. Mr. Crank is a member of the Catholic church of Brush Prairie and is connected fraternally with the Catholic Knights. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he has served for two years on the town board and for sixteen years on the side board. He is interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community, being heartily in sympathy with movements for its material, political and moral progress.

R. E. LOOFBORO.

Probably no farmer in Sampson township is better known as a breeder of high-grade beef cattle than R. E. Loofboro, who engages in this occupation and also in general farming and dairying upon three hundred and ten acres of excellent land nine miles north of Bloomer. He was born in Clinton county, Iowa, in 1860 and is a son of John Loofboro, a native of Ohio, who went to Iowa when he was a young man and followed farming there until his death at the age of seventy. His wife was in her maidenhood, Miss Sarah Forsythe and they became the parents of five children.

R. E. Loofboro acquired his education in the public schools of Iowa, and after laying aside his books began farming independently, remaining in his native state for four years thereafter. He then moved to Nebraska where he took up a homestead upon which he carried on general farming for thirteen years. At the end of that time he came north to Wisconsin and bought three hundred and ten acres of land in Sampson township, this county. This is his present farm and upon it he has made substantial improvements, for when it came into his possession there were but forty acres cleared and no buildings whatever upon the property. One hundred and fifty acres are now under cultivation and in addition to a silo and other substantial outbuildings, Mr. Loofboro has one of the largest barns in his section of the county. He makes a specialty of breeding high-grade beef cattle and is also a large alfalfa grower and a successful dairyman, all branches of his activities being, under his able management, important and profitable.

Mr. Loofboro married Miss May Madison and they have become the parents of eight children. Mr. Loofboro is a member of the Seventh Day Baptist church and is a democrat in his political beliefs. Throughout Chippewa county

he is known as a progressive and practical farmer and a farsighted and reliable business man and his work has marked a distinct advance in the agricultural development of his section.

MAX C. KRENZ.

Max C. Krenz, specializing in the cultivation of small fruits upon a fine farm of eighty acres near Bloomer, was born in Germany in March, 1883, a son of Ludwig Krenz, also a native of the fatherland. When the latter emigrated to the United States he located first at Monticello where he remained, however, only a few months. At the end of that time he moved to Chippewa county and for some time made his home in Bloomer. He afterwards turned his attention to farming, buying in 1895 the farm in Bloomer township whereon his son now resides. He is now living retired. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Anna Croll and they became the parents of three children: Gust; Charles; and Max C., of this review.

Max C. Krenz acquired his education in the public schools of Bloomer, having been but one year old when his parents moved to America. After laying aside his books he began operating his father's farm and since that time has made his home upon the property which reflects everywhere the many years of care and labor which he has bestowed upon it. He makes a specialty of the cultivation of small fruits and is the only farmer in this section so engaged. General farming also engages his attention and in both branches he has met with distinct and gratifying success.

Mr. Krenz gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is connected fraternally with the Masonic lodge. He is a devout member of the Lutheran church. He has contributed in an important way to the agricultural development of his part of the county and has moreover gained the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

RASMUS MULLEN.

Rasmus Mullen owns and operates a fine farm of eighty acres located four miles south of Bloomer, in Tilden township, and by constantly following the most progressive and practical methods in its cultivation has surrounded himself with an enviable degree of prosperity. He was born in Norway in 1877 and acquired his education in the public schools of his native country. After laying aside his books he worked in various localities in Norway and when he was about twenty-one years of age emigrated to America, locating in Chippewa county, where he has since resided. For several years he worked in the woods around Bloomer and Superior, but in 1909 abandoned this occupation and turned his attention to farming. He bought eighty acres of land in Tilden township, four miles from Bloomer, and has since carried forward the work of improving and developing this property. There were a number of buildings upon the place when it came

into his possession and to these he has added a modern silo. He engages in general farming and dairying and has extensive interests along both lines, his well directed labors having brought him a substantial degree of prosperity.

Mr. Mullen married Miss Sophie Peterson, a native of Norway, and they have become the parents of three children, Herbert, Eveline and Elza. Mr. Mullen is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and a republican in his political beliefs. He takes an active interest in the affairs of the community and his aid can always be counted upon to further movements of reform and advancement. In Tilden township he is known as a practical and able farmer and a progressive citizen and he commands and holds the esteem and high regard of all who are associated with him.

CHARLES KRENZ.

Practical and modern agricultural methods find a worthy exponent in Charles Krenz, carrying on general farming and dairying upon one hundred and sixty acres of land in Bloomer township, eighty acres of which he owns. He was born in Bloomer in 1883, and is a son of Louis Krenz, a well known farmer of this locality.

Charles Krenz was reared at home and acquired his education in the grade and high schools of Bloomer. After laying aside his books he bought eighty acres of land from his father and rented another eighty and upon this property which lies four miles northwest of Bloomer he engages in general farming and dairying, meeting with that success which is the natural result of energy and ability. He has made excellent improvements upon his place, including a fine residence and the farm is modern and up-to-date in every particular, reflecting everywhere his constant and careful supervision.

Mr. Krenz married Miss Annie Hilger and they have become the parents of two children, Esther and Elmer. Mr. Krenz is a member of the Lutheran church and connected fraternally with the Masonic lodge. He is a republican in his political beliefs and active in his cooperation in all measures and movements for the public welfare, so that he is generally recognized as a public-spirited and loyal citizen as well as a practical and able farmer.

FRANK GARDNER.

Frank Gardner, whose residence in Chippewa county covers almost a third of a century, devotes his time and energies to dairy farming and is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 30, township 30, range 6. He was born in the state of New York in 1864, a son of William Gardner and a brother of H. W. Gardner. His boyhood was spent in the Empire state and his education acquired in its common schools. In 1881, when a youth of seventeen, he came to Chippewa county, Wisconsin, and secured employment at teaming in the woods. Subsequently he purchased a slightly improved tract of land com-

prising one hundred and sixty acres, some of the trees having been chopped down and the logs removed but the stumps still remaining. There was also a small log house on the place. As the years have passed Mr. Gardner has steadily carried forward the work of improvement and now has ninety acres of his land under cultivation and a set of substantial and commodious farm buildings. His attention is given to dairy farming, and in this branch of activity he has won well merited and gratifying success.

In Chippewa county Mr. Gardner was united in marriage to Miss Louise Goodman, her father being Mathias Goodman, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. They are the parents of three children: Fred, Sidney and Ella May. Mr. Gardner gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has served in the capacity of school director, the cause of education ever finding in him a stanch champion. As he has lived in this county for more than three decades, he has an extensive acquaintance here and his friends know him as an enterprising agriculturist and a man of genuine worth.

FRED ZIEBELL, JR.

A well developed farm of one hundred and twenty acres pays tribute to the care and cultivation bestowed upon it by its owner, Fred Ziebell, Jr. The place is pleasantly and conveniently located a mile and a half north of Bloomer and the methods employed in its development are at once practical and effective. Mr. Ziebell is yet a young man and the success he has already attained is creditable and gratifying. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1885 and is a son of Fred Ziebell, Sr., a native of Germany who came to the United States when six years of age. The family located in Canada but removed to Milwaukee and then twenty-six years ago came to Chippewa county, where the father established a home a mile west of the place upon which his son now resides. The father made farming his life work and his persistent purpose and unfaltering energy constituted the foundation of his growing success. He married Amelia Schultz who is still living and to them were born six children.

Fred Ziebell, Jr., was a young lad when the family came to Chippewa county and in the public schools of the district he received his education. When not busy with the work of the schoolroom he assisted his father in the tasks of plowing, planting and harvesting and when his school days were over he gave undivided attention to farm work on the old homestead until he reached the age of twenty-five years and then he removed to his present farm in Bloomer township and has since made his home thereon. He is busily engaged day after day in the manifold duties which constitute the work of the agriculturist who carries on general farming.

Mr. Ziebell is also engaged in the dairy business and the products of his dairy, as well as of his fields, find a ready sale on the market. He keeps everything about his place in neat condition and his success is the direct outcome of persistent labor intelligently and carefully directed.

He was married to Miss Ida Summerfield of Chippewa county whose home was about four miles from Bloomer. They have become the parents of two chil-

dren, Valeria and one as yet unnamed. The parents hold membership in the German Lutheran church, contribute liberally to its support and are interested in its work. In politics Mr. Ziebell is a republican being one of the most staunch supporters of the party to be found in Bloomer township. He does not seek nor desire office, however, preferring to give his undivided attention to business affairs which he is now capably managing and which rank him among the progressive and enterprising young farmers of his part of the county.

CHARLES FEHR.

Among the native sons of Chippewa county who by their own energy and perseverance have won well deserved success in agricultural pursuits is numbered Charles Fehr, who owns a fine farm of eighty acres in Auburn township and who operates in addition a tract of three hundred and sixty acres owned by his father. He was born upon this latter property in 1887, a son of Baltis Fehr, a native of Switzerland, who came to the United States as a boy, locating first in the southern part of Wisconsin and later in Chippewa county. He followed farming here for many years but is now living retired in Bloomer. He married Miss Elizabeth Wirth and they became the parents of eleven children.

Charles Fehr acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books turned his attention to farming upon a tract of eighty acres in Auburn township. This adjoins his father's homestead of three hundred and sixty acres and Mr. Fehr operates this property also, carrying on general farming and dairying. He has met with excellent success in his agricultural operations, for his methods are at all times practical and his industry is untiring.

Mr. Fehr married Miss Lillian Culver and both are well known and highly esteemed throughout the township. Mr. Fehr holds membership in the Lutheran church and in politics is independent, voting for men and measures without regard to party lines. He is a man whose enterprise and honesty have gained him an excellent reputation throughout the county and he is numbered among the progressive and substantial citizens of Auburn township.

JOHN C. MULLEN.

John C. Mullen, who passed away in Saskatchewan, Canada, on the 24th of March, 1904, was one of the earliest settlers of Chippewa county and here carried on farming for more than a third of a century, owning one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 29, township 31, range 7. He was born in Canada on the 13th of July, 1839, and in that country spent the first twenty-nine years of his life. In 1868 he came to Chippewa county, Wisconsin, and purchased a quarter section of wild land which was covered with a dense timber growth. Undertaking the arduous task of clearing the property, he eventually prepared the land for cultivation and also made a number of substantial improvements thereon, erecting a commodious residence and good barn. Here he carried on

general agricultural pursuits with success until 1902, when he removed to Saskatchewan, Canada, and took up a homestead, there passing away on the 24th of March, 1904. He was one of the earliest settlers of Chippewa county and long enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of its substantial agriculturists and esteemed citizens. His widow and son Ray still reside here, owning a farm of eighty acres which they operate.

In 1872 Mr. Mullen was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Chrystal, whose birth occurred in Canada on the 17th of March, 1853, her parents being John and Jane Chrystal, early settlers of De Kalb county, Illinois, whence they came to Chippewa county. Both passed away here. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mullen were born four children, as follows: Eva, who is the wife of Samuel Kelly, of Chippewa Falls; Wilmer, who lives in the west; Ray, who is engaged in the operation of the home farm; and Grace, also at home. Mrs. Mullen, who has lived in Chippewa county since 1872 or for more than four decades, enjoys an extensive acquaintance here and has witnessed the development of this part of the state from pioneer times to the present.

JOSEPH HEBERT.

Eighteen years have come and gone since Joseph Hebert passed away but he is yet remembered by many of his old friends, who entertained for him warm regard because of a well spent life. He was born in Canada in 1833, a son of James Hebert, a Canadian farmer, whose entire life was spent in that country. Joseph Hebert was one of a family of fourteen children. He acquired his education in Canadian schools and after mastering the branches of learning therein taught he left home when fourteen years of age to make his own way in the world. He could truly be called a self-made, for whatever success he achieved was attributable entirely to his own labors, perseverance and capable management. When he started out for himself he crossed the border into the United States, thinking to find better opportunities on this side of the line. He first settled in Massachusetts, where he remained for two years, after which he came to Wisconsin. Establishing his home in Chippewa county, he embarked in the logging business, and as success attended his efforts in that direction, enabling him to save some of his earnings, he at length secured a sum sufficient to purchase the farm upon which his family still resides. He thereafter carried on both logging and farming until his death and as his financial resources increased he added to his property until he was the owner of four hundred and forty acres of improved land, together with tracts of wild land. He erected most of the buildings upon his place and since his death Mrs. Hebert has made many improvements. The barns, sheds and other outbuildings are the largest to be found in his part of the county and the farm is one of the best improved in this section of the state. It is an indication of the enterprising spirit of both Mr. and Mrs. Hebert. He was also the owner of property in Chippewa Falls and he was everywhere known as an active, energetic business man of sound judgment and keen discrimination. He never faltered in what he undertook and his indefatigable energy constituted the basis of his success. He was also one of the pioneers of this section in the logging business.

He started in that business when seventeen years of age and followed it throughout his entire life save for a period of two years. His example of persistent and honorable purpose is one well worthy of emulation.

Mr. Hebert was united in marriage to Miss Mary Mayer, a daughter of William Mayer, a native of Germany, who came to the United States fifty-six years ago, settling in Tilden, Wisconsin. He followed farming but was a blacksmith by trade and continued to conduct a shop until he died, having the only one in Tilden. His wife bore the maiden name of Susan Beitweiler and she died during the early girlhood of Mrs. Hebert, who was one of a family of four children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hebert were born seven children, as follows: Joseph, who wedded Miss Hannah Latendre; William, who married Miss Lillian Trudelle, by whom he has a daughter, Margaret Mary; Louise; Marie; Gilbert; Charles; and Homer. The last three named operate farms and are well known and enterprising agriculturists of the county.

Mr. Hebert gave his political allegiance to the democratic party but never sought nor desired office. He was a member of the Catholic church of Chippewa Falls and he was well known among the early settlers and later residents of the county, where an active and useful life gained for him the warm regard and enduring friendship of many with whom he came in contact.

CHRIS SCHNOOR.

Chris Schnoor is engaged in general farming on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Bloomer township. The farm is situated four miles northwest of the village of Bloomer and in its care and cultivation Mr. Schnoor finds exercise for his dominant qualities of industry and determination. He is a native of Germany, having been born in the fatherland sixty-five years ago. His father, John Schnoor, never came to the United States and after spending his life as a laborer passed away in his native land. He married Lena Reice and they were the parents of seven children.

The educational opportunities which Chris Schnoor enjoyed were those offered by the public schools of Germany. He worked as a farm hand in his native land until he came to the United States in early manhood in 1865. He at once made his way to Wisconsin locating first in Dane county, where he secured employment as a farm hand. For forty years, however, he has lived in Chippewa county and for about thirty-six years has occupied his present farm. He was one of the first settlers in his section of the county and he cleared all of his land, transforming the wild tract into rich fields which annually yield him golden harvests. He erected all of the farm buildings upon his place, building his barn twenty-three years ago. He has added many modern improvements and he utilizes improved farm machinery in cultivating his fields. He also engages in dairying, keeping a number of cows for that purpose and the products of his dairy like those of the fields find a ready sale on the market.

Mr. Schnoor was married in Wisconsin to Miss Pherena Gehring and they have become the parents of ten children who are yet living, while two have passed away. Those who still survive are: Annie, Lena, Dave, Rena, Otto, Lucinda, Alvin,

Walter, Lizzie and Ella. The sons now operate the farm largely relieving the father from the arduous cares incident to cultivating the fields, yet to his business he gives personal supervision. That he is a man of sound business judgment is evidenced in the success which has come to him for his energy and perseverance have made him one of the substantial agriculturists of his section of the county.

Politically he is independent, voting as his judgment dictates and according to the leads of the times. His religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. His life has been characterized by many sterling qualities and as a man and citizen he enjoys the good-will and confidence of all who know him.

CHRIS HOLTER.

Chris Holter lives two miles east of North Auburn on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres and in addition to cultivating this property engages also in the produce business, his success in this field placing him among the representative and able business men in this part of the state. He is a native of Norway, born in 1873, a son of Sever Holter, who came to the United States and located in Duluth, Wisconsin, where he engaged in business for a number of years. He is now living in retirement west of New Auburn. He married Miss Carrie Everson and they became the parents of five children, all of whom survive.

Chris Holter acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books turned his attention to farming, an occupation with which he has been to some extent identified since that time. He now engages in general farming and stock-raising upon one hundred and sixty acres of land in Bloomer township, but operates this property with the aid of hired help as much of his personal attention is given to the conduct of his large produce business. He has a fine warehouse in Bloomer and controls an important and growing trade as his business methods are always straightforward and honorable and his goods high class.

Mr. Holter married Miss Signe Peterson and they have five children: Clinton, William, Eveline, Stanley and Cecil. Mr. Holter is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and is independent in his political views. Both in agricultural and business circles he is well known and highly respected as a man of unwavering integrity and excellent standards.

CASPER LARSON.

A well known resident of Chippewa county is Casper Larson. He is connected with the implement department of the Farmers Store, near Bloomer. He owns a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres east of Bloomer and he lives a busy life in which he is accomplishing substantial results. Chippewa county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred on the old family homestead thirty-six years ago. He was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads, working in the fields through the summer months and attending school in

the winter season. His public school course was finished by a course in Curtis College in Minnesota and thus he was well prepared by a liberal education for life's practical duties and responsibilities. When his college days were over he began farming upon the old homestead and purchased the interests of the other heirs in the property. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres of rich and valuable land not far from Bloomer and his place is splendidly improved. His buildings are excellent and everything about the place is kept in good repair. There is a substantial and commodious residence with good barns and sheds and the farm indicates the progressive spirit of the owner. Mr. Larson left the farm in 1912 to become an employe in the implement department of the Farmers Store so that he is now devoting his attention to commercial pursuits, in which he is proving equally successful.

Mr. Larson was married in 1904 to Miss Anna Johnson who died in 1909 leaving a daughter, Mildred, who is now six years of age. Mr. Larson votes with the republican party and is an interested student of political conditions. He filled the office of town clerk for three years and made an excellent record in that position. Loyalty has ever been one of his marked characteristics and he is faithful to every duty that devolves upon him. He is well known in the section of the county in which he lives and his popularity is recognized by all who meet him in a social or business way.

CHRIST NELSON.

Since 1868 Christ Nelson has been a resident of Tilden township and he has seen the section develop from a wilderness into a populous and wealthy farming community. He has borne an active and honorable part in the work of upbuilding, for since 1870 he has owned a fine tract of one hundred and twenty acres lying three and a half miles south of Bloomer, and he has during the course of years made many substantial contributions to general agricultural development.

Christ Nelson was born in Norway in 1851 and spent his childhood and early youth in his native country. In 1868 he emigrated to America and after his arrival came directly to Chippewa county, settling in Bloomer and working in the woods in the vicinity of the city for a number of years thereafter. By the exercise of thrift and economy he saved enough money to purchase land of his own and in 1870 bought a one hundred and twenty acre tract in Tilden township. The land lies three and a half miles south of Bloomer and here Mr. Nelson has since steadily carried forward the work of development and improvement along practical lines. He has erected a comfortable residence and good farm buildings and has installed the necessary machinery, neglecting nothing which would add to the appearance or value of his place. He engaged in general farming, operating the property himself until about seven years ago, when he retired from active life, leaving the work of the fields to a hired manager. He still resides upon his homestead, where he has lived for forty-three years, each year witnessing an increase in his prosperity and prominence. He is one of the few who have so long witnessed the growth and development of this part of Chippewa county, for Tilden township at the time of his arrival was a tract of

dense timber land, covered with black pine trees, and Indians were the most numerous inhabitants. During the years he has resided here Mr. Nelson has made substantial contributions to general growth and development and in the course of a long, active and honorable life has gained the esteem and regard of his neighbors and friends.

GUSTAV WEIHER.

Gustav Weiher, who operates the Jacob Meier farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Bloomer township and who owns ninety-four acres north of Bloomer, was born in Germany in 1858 and is a son of Fred Weiher, a laborer in that country, who never came to America. The son acquired his education in the public schools of Germany and in 1885 came to the United States, settling in Milwaukee, where he remained for one summer. At the end of that time he moved to Whitewater, spending nine years there, and he then came to Chippewa county and purchased ninety-four acres in Bloomer township, which he has since owned. When this came into his possession it was a tract of wild land, but he has since cleared thirty acres and erected an excellent set of buildings. Mr. Weiher does not live upon this property although he operates it, for six years ago he assumed the management of the Jacob Meier property, upon which he carries on general farming and dairying. Being a progressive and practical agriculturist, his efforts have been rewarded by a gratifying degree of success.

Mr. Weiher married Miss Matilda Burger, a native of Germany, and they have become the parents of seven children, Otto, Minnie, Lena, Fred, Willie, Robert and Emma. Mr. Weiher gives his political allegiance to the republican party, is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and holds membership in the German Lutheran church. The success which has attended his labors entitles him to recognition among the prosperous, enterprising and representative citizens of the community and his many sterling traits of character have won him the warm friendship and regard of those with whom he has come in contact.

ROBERT D. C. MORAY, M. D.

Dr. Robert D. C. Moray, who has practiced medicine and surgery in Cornell since the 3d of April, 1913, came to this county on that date from Manawa, Wisconsin. His birth occurred at Brockville, Ontario, Canada, on the 12th of November, 1875, his parents being Robert and Isabella (Campbell) Moray, the former a descendant of a United Empire Loyalist family and the latter of Scotch origin. Robert Moray, who was a farmer by occupation, passed away in 1889 and was buried in the county of Leeds, Ontario, near Brockville. The demise of his wife occurred in 1875, when their son Robert was but two weeks old. Her remains were interred in the Brockville cemetery.

Robert D. C. Moray acquired his primary education in the public schools of his native town and afterward attended the Brockville Collegiate Institute, from which he was graduated in June, 1892. Subsequently he learned the trade of draftsman and machinist and followed that occupation for nine years. Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he then entered Milwaukee Medical College and in 1905 won the degree of M. D. In that year he opened an office in Manawa, Wisconsin, which place remained the scene of his professional labors until April, 1913, when he came to Cornell. His practice is already large and lucrative, having steadily grown as he has demonstrated his skill and ability in coping with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life. He is a member of the Wisconsin State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and thus keeps in touch with the progress which is being continually made by the profession.

On the 28th of August, 1907, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Dr. Moray was united in marriage to Miss Flora S. Menish, her parents being Neil and Elizabeth Menish, both of whom are deceased and buried in Milwaukee. In politics Dr. Moray is a republican and his fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. His support is given to all progressive measures and his aid can always be counted upon to further those interests which are of genuine worth to the community.

FRED W. THOMPSON.

Modern farming methods find their exemplification in the life work of Fred W. Thompson, who is cultivating the old homestead farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Auburn township. He was born in Osseo, Wisconsin, in 1885, and is a son of Walter Thompson, who was a native of England and came to the United States when twenty years of age. He made his way to Eau Claire, where he engaged in the flour milling business but after some identification with commercial pursuits he turned his attention to agriculture and took up his abode upon what is now known as the old Walter Thompson homestead in Auburn township. There he continued to till the fields and care for his crops until his sons were old enough to relieve him of the cultivation and management of the farm, since which time he has assumed active connection with the milling business, which he now follows on the Pacific coast. He married Miss Hilda Nelson, of Chippewa county, who was born in Norway but came to the United States when a little maiden of eight years. In their family were seven children: Frank, who is engaged in farming in Running Valley; Fred W.; Bert, who is credit man for the Fairbanks-Morse Company; Harry, who is traffic manager for the Northwestern Steel & Iron Works, at Eau Claire; Grace, at home; Sibyl, who is attending the high school, of Eau Claire; and Willis.

Like the others of the family, Fred W. Thompson was accorded good educational privileges, which he improved, mastering the branches of learning taught in the grade and high schools of Bloomer. He has always made farming his life work, thus continuing in the pursuit to which he was reared and now operates the

old homestead farm, which he devotes to the cultivation of cereals and dairying. He has erected a commodious and attractive modern residence, which is one of the fine homes of the county and in the conduct of the farm he utilizes modern methods and displays an enterprising spirit that conquers difficulties and pushes forward to success. He is determined and energetic and has made wise use of his time and opportunities as the years have gone by.

The republican party counts Mr. Thompson as one of its stalwart supporters who has exercised his right of franchise in behalf of its candidates since attaining his majority. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church of Sand Creek and this association indicates much of the rules which govern his conduct and shape his career. He is widely known in Chippewa county and his many sterling traits of character have made his circle of friends almost a coextensive one with the circle of his acquaintances.

CHARLES SCHROEDER.

Bloomer township is a rich agricultural district and within its borders reside many progressive farmers who recognize their opportunities and through the improvement of the advantages which are theirs are winning substantial success. To this class belongs Charles Schroeder whose attractive and excellent farm of one hundred and fifty-seven acres is situated six miles northwest of the village of Bloomer. He has been a life long resident of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Waukesha county about a mile from the city of Waukesha. For fifty-four years, however, he has been a resident of Chippewa county, having arrived here November 1, 1859. He was then but a little child, his birth having occurred on the 5th of October, 1858. His father, Charles Schroeder, was a native of Germany and on coming to the United States at the age of twenty-eight years, made his way to Wisconsin. He was employed in a mill for ten years and on the expiration of that period took up his abode on a farm at Eagle Point three miles north of Chippewa Falls, there following general agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days. He died in 1882, falling into a well, which occasioned his demise. He was well known as one of the early settlers here and as a man of sterling worth. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Charlotta Krieg, was born in Leipsig, Germany, and lived in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, at the time of her marriage. Her death, resulting from pleurisy, occurred February 22, 1910. They had two children, but the elder son, Herman was drowned in the Chippewa river June 29, 1873, when only sixteen years of age.

Charles Schroeder, reared in this county, is indebted to the public-school system for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed. He early became familiar with all branches of farm work and after leaving school his entire time was devoted to the labors of the fields. He was twenty-one years of age when he took up his abode upon his present farm and he is known as one of the oldest settlers in his part of the county. He cleared all of the land which was covered with timber and stumps when he took possession.

It required much arduous toil to convert the wild tract into productive fields, but he never hesitated and his diligence and industry at length brought their

reward. He has one of the best improved farms in his part of the county. The buildings are commodious, modern and substantial and the barns and sheds furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. He uses the latest improved machinery with which to plant, cultivate and care for his crops and he also engages in stock-raising, in dairying and in selling wood, having hauled wood for thirty years. He has just completed a new barn thirty-six by sixty-six feet, all made from timber cut on the place and from rock and sand secured from the sand pit on his farm.

Mr. Schroeder was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Heidtke, a daughter of August Heidtke and they have one son, Walter, who was born May 27, 1885, and now assists his father in carrying on the home farm. Mr. Schroeder votes with the democratic party but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energy on his business affairs which are important and which class him with the representative agriculturists of his district. In business matters his judgment is sound and his energy unflinching and the years have brought him a good return for his labor.

WILLIAM SUMMERFIELD.

William Summerfield owns and cultivates an excellent farm on two hundred acres about six miles northwest of Bloomer. It is such men as Mr. Summerfield who have won for Chippewa county her enviable reputation as an agricultural district. The natural beauty of the landscape is heightened by the well cultivated farms, thrifty orchards and pastures containing high-grade stock. Modern equipments are found upon the home place of Mr. Summerfield who is an energetic agriculturist, carrying on his work according to the most modern methods. Chippewa county is deeply indebted to Germany for a large percentage of her enterprising citizens, among whom is the subject of this review. He was born in Germany fifty-three years ago and is a son of Christ Summerfield, who on crossing the Atlantic to the United States with his family made his way to Green Lake county, Wisconsin, where he established his home. Later he removed to Chippewa county settling near Bloomer but eventually sold his property there and took up his abode on the farm which is now the home of his son, William. The place was then covered with a dense growth of timber and with the aid of his son, William, he began cutting away the trees, grubbing up the stumps and preparing the land for the plow. He continued to reside upon the farm throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in the spring of 1913 when he was eighty-five years of age. He was married in Germany and had two children who are yet living, the younger being Mrs. William Luck.

In taking up the history of William Summerfield we present to our readers the life record of one who has long resided in this county and who is widely and favorably known. His youthful days were largely devoted to the acquirement of an education in the public schools and he then started out in life on his own account, working as a farm hand by the month. He was ambitious, however, to engage in business for himself and began to cultivate farms which he leased until he was able to purchase his present place. He carefully saved his earnings, living economically and frugally and he now owns two hundred acres of land which is

rich and productive and responds readily to the care and labor he has bestowed upon it. He has made many substantial improvements including the introduction of modern machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. He carries on a dairy business in connection with general farming and both branches are bringing him a gratifying financial return.

Mr. Summerfield married Miss Tena Drega and they have four children, Martha, Ida, Annie and Otto. The parents hold membership in the German Lutheran church of Bloomer and are faithful to its teachings. Mr. Summerfield gives his political support to the republican party and is in thorough sympathy with its principles and purposes, but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energy upon his business affairs which are capably managed and which have gained him recognition as a representative farmer of his township.

P. B. OLSON.

Wisconsin offers excellent opportunities to the farmer. Her land is rich and responds readily to the care and cultivation bestowed upon it. To the work of tilling the soil, Mr. Olson gives his attention and his energy and careful management are rewarded with good crops so that he has become known as one of the representative farmers of his district.

He lives eleven miles northwest of Bloomer on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. Norway numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in that country fifty-nine years ago. His father was Ole Olson, who came to the United States when in middle life. Wisconsin was his destination, as it has been that of many another representative of the land of the midnight sun. He worked in Eau Claire for many years and died in that city at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. His wife bore the maiden name of Carrie Petersen and unto their marriage were born six children.

P. B. Olson spent his youthful days in Norway and pursued his education in the public schools. When his text-books were put aside, he turned to the new world, as a more favorable place in which to earn a living. He completed arrangements to cross the Atlantic and after landing on the American shores, he made his way to Eau Claire where he was employed in a sawmill. He then removed to a place east of his present home and after farming there for some time, sold the property and nine years ago, came to his present farm, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He has made many improvements including the erection of some of the buildings upon the place and he carries on general farming and stock-raising. His interests are carefully managed and his enterprising methods and unflinching industry constitute the foundation of his substantial and well merited success.

Mr. Olson married Miss Emma Gustavson, a native of Norway, and they have become the parents of four children: Charles, who is living in Montana; George who is associated with his father in the operation of the farm; Hilma; and Mabel.

Mr. Olson is a republican, but does not seek nor desire office. He prefers to give his undivided attention to his business affairs and whatever success he has

achieved, is the direct return and reward of his own labors. He has ever been a diligent and industrious farmer and deserves mention among the representative citizens of Auburn township.

ALFRED PETSKA.

Among the younger men of Chippewa county who have attained gratifying success in the conduct of their farming and stock-raising interests, is numbered Alfred Petska, living eight and one-half miles east of Bloomer on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. This constitutes a portion of the family homestead of which his two brothers, Charles and Ernest, also own one hundred and sixty acres.

Alfred Petska was born upon this farm in 1885 and is a son of Frank Petska. He acquired his education in the public schools, dividing his time in his childhood between his studies and work in the operation of the homestead. After leaving school he began farming the one hundred and sixty acres which he now owns and through his well directed efforts and untiring energy has made it a very valuable property. The father erected the buildings but Mr. Petska of this review has made other important improvements and has steadily carried forward the work of cultivation and development. He engages in general farming and dairying and has met with most desirable success in both branches.

Mr. Petska is independent in his political views and is a member of the Presbyterian church as is also his brother Ernest who operates another one hundred and sixty acres of the homestead. Ernest Petska was born in 1883 and acquired his education in the public schools. On the 12th of August, 1913, Alfred Petska married Miss Lena Schwaf, a daughter of John Schwaf, and both are well known in their locality. The Petska brothers are numbered among the most progressive and successful agriculturists of this part of the county and hold the esteem and respect of their neighbors and friends.

OSCAR GARTON.

Oscar Garton, engaging in general farming upon two hundred and three acres lying on section 32, township 28, Chippewa county, a property upon which he has resided for about thirty years, was born in Jefferson county, this state, November 25, 1855. He is a son of Andrew and Katherine (Green) Garton, who now reside in Santa Cruz, California.

Oscar Garton acquired his education in the public schools of his native county and after laying aside his books at the age of seventeen, assisted his father for about three years. At the end of that time he moved to Chippewa county, where he spent two years as a farm laborer, after which he learned the blacksmith's trade, following it for three years. He then began farming independently, buying two hundred and three acres of excellent land on section 32, township 28, and upon this property he has since resided. Through the years he has steadily carried forward the work of improvement and development and has now about one

hundred and eighty acres under cultivation, specializing in the raising of grain. He is numbered among the representative and able agriculturists of this locality, for his labors have always been practical and well directed and have resulted in his attaining a very creditable degree of success.

In Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in 1878, Mr. Garton was united in marriage to Miss Ella Smith, a daughter of Jeremiah and Esther (Horton) Smith, both of whom have passed away and are buried in Eau Claire. Mr. and Mrs. Garton have become the parents of ten children: William, who is engaged in farming in Chippewa county; George, who is assisting his brother William; Burt and Charles D., residents of Elk Mound; Roy, who makes his home in Menominee; David, who is assisting his father; Pearl; Myrtle; McKinley and Dewey, school students.

Mr. Garton is a republican in his political views and has been for several years past chairman of the Elk Mound town council. A resident of this county since 1876, he has become widely and favorably known here and his contributions to general agricultural development have been many and substantial.

I. L. FREEBORN.

I. L. Freeborn is engaged in general farming in Auburn township, his home being pleasantly and conveniently located about ten and a half miles northwest of Bloomer. The farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land and in its cultivation and improvement the owner is meeting with good success. Mr. Freeborn is a native of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Rock county in 1857. His father, D. P. Freeborn, was a native of Pennsylvania and devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits. For many years he lived in Rock county and his last days were spent in Milton, Wisconsin, where he passed away at the age of eighty years. He was married in Rock county to Amy Ann Burdick and they became the parents of two children, the elder being O. P. Freeborn, who is still a resident of Rock county.

I. L. Freeborn, the younger son, was reared under the parental roof and is indebted to the public school system for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed. When he started out in the business world he turned his attention to farming which he followed in Rock county. Later he spent six years in Dakota and then returned to Rock county where he remained for eight years. Five years ago he came to Chippewa county and for three years has lived upon his present farm in Auburn township. There are good buildings upon the place and the farm is well improved according to the modern methods of the twentieth century. Mr. Freeborn carefully tills his fields, raising such crops as are best adapted to the soil and climatic conditions here. Dairying is also an important feature of his business and the products of his dairy find ready sale.

Mr. Freeborn was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Fox, a native of Adams county, Wisconsin, and they have become the parents of three children; Clayton, who is married and lives in Rock county; Frank I., who makes his home in Pennsylvania; and Victor D., who assists in the cultivation of the home farm.

Mr. Freeborn holds membership in the Seventh Day Baptist church and he gives his political assistance to the republican party. He started out in life with

the determination to win success if it could be accomplished through persistent, honorable effort. He recognized the fact that there is no royal road to wealth and that he must follow the path of earnest endeavor if he would advance. He has accomplished what he has undertaken and has steadily worked his way upward, his labors bringing him substantial and well merited reward.

ANDREW MULLEN.

Andrew Mullen, engaging in general farming and dairying upon eighty acres of fine land in Tilden township, was born in Norway in 1879. He acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and there remained until 1901, when he crossed the Atlantic to America. He settled immediately in Chippewa county and here worked as a farm laborer, first in the employ of his brother Math and then for four years under Samuel Nelson. About the year 1909 he purchased an eighty acre tract of land in Tilden township and upon this property he has since resided, engaged in general farming and dairying. His interests are today important and his success rewards earnest, well directed and practical labor.

Mr. Mullen married Miss Bertha Omberg, and they have become the parents of three children, Helmer, Helen and Melvin. Mr. Mullen is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. His life has been one of well directed activity, resulting in the attainment of a fair measure of success, and wherever he is known he is honored and esteemed by reason of his genuine personal worth.

MATHIAS LEINENKUGEL.

As secretary of the Leinenkugel Brewing Company Mathias Leinenkugel is well known in Chippewa Falls. He was born in Sauk City, Wisconsin, April 16, 1866. With the removal of the family to Chippewa Falls he pursued his education in the parochial and public schools here to the age of sixteen years. He afterward spent a year in a drug store and then came to his father's brewery, in which he acquainted himself with the various phases of the business and worked steadily upward from one position to another of greater responsibility. The brewery was incorporated in 1898, at which time he became secretary, and so continued to the present, becoming an active factor in the successful management of a growing business.

In Chippewa Falls, on the 18th of June, 1889, Mr. Leinenkugel married Miss Catherine Watzel, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Watzel, who were natives of Germany and are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Leinenkugel have become the parents of three children. Josephine, the eldest, is the wife of John J. Black, a resident of Durand, Wisconsin, where he is engaged in the general wholesale and fur business. They have one child, John M. Jacob, the second member of the family, is a student in the law department of the Wisconsin State University. Carl, the youngest, is attending school in Chippewa Falls.

In politics Mr. Leinenkugel is a democrat but has never cared for nor sought public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He belongs to the St. Charles Catholic church, the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the German Benevolent Society and the United Commercial Travelers. He is a man of generous spirit, giving liberally to those in need, and he has many friends among the German American citizens of this county.

A. J. TURNER.

The agricultural interests of Eagle Point township find a worthy representative in A. J. Turner, who owns one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land at Eagleton. He was born upon the old homestead farm, in 1880, and it has always been his place of residence. He is a son of Gottlieb Turner, at one time a well known agriculturist of this section. At the usual age the son began his education in the public schools, and when he had finished his studies he took up the work of the farm, which he followed on the old home place until he removed to his present home seven years ago. He also conducts a hotel and feed barn and all the branches of his business are proving profitable. He has substantial buildings upon his land and he carries on general farming and dairying, keeping a number of high-grade cows for dairy purposes. His fields present a neat and well kept appearance and everything about the place indicates his progressive spirit and enterprising methods.

Mr. Turner married Miss Jessie Jones, a daughter of Dell Jones. They now have three children; Clarence, Lillian and Dorothy. Mr. Turner votes independently and has never been an aspirant for office, yet he does not neglect the duties of citizenship and is interested in all that pertains to the public welfare. He holds membership in the Lutheran church of Bloomer and is widely and favorably known in the section of the county in which his entire life has been passed.

W. G. WAUGH.

General farming and dairying command the attention of W. G. Waugh who is the owner of a fine property of eighty acres lying nine miles north of Bloomer, a farm upon which he has resided for the past ten years. He was born in Columbia county, this state, in 1860, a son of Edward A. Waugh, a native of England. The father emigrated to the United States when he was eighteen years of age, and located in Columbia county where he engaged in farming until his death. He married Miss Catherine Curry and they became the parents of three children.

W. G. Waugh acquired his education in the public schools of his native section and when not engaged with his books aided his father in the operation of the homestead. When he began his independent career he naturally turned his attention to the occupation to which he had been reared, following agricultural pursuits in various localities until 1898 when he came to Chippewa county where he has since resided. For the past ten years he has made his home upon his

present farm and he has steadily carried forward the work of improvement, erecting all of the buildings, installing the necessary machinery and neglecting nothing which would add to its appearance or value.

In Columbia county Mr. Waugh married Miss Anna Porter and they have become the parents of seven children: Mary, Blanche, Lottie, Vera, Archie, John and Dora.* Mr. Waugh is connected fraternally with the Order of Beavers and is a member of the Congregational church. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and was for eight terms township treasurer, discharging the duties of that office to the satisfaction of all concerned. He has proved a capable official, a farsighted business man and a progressive citizen and he holds the esteem and confidence of all who are in any way connected with him.

GILBERT OLSON.

Gilbert Olson carries on general farming and dairying upon a fine property of one hundred and sixty acres ten and one half miles northwest of Bloomer and is numbered among the progressive and responsible agriculturists of Auburn township. He was born in Norway in 1857 and acquired his education in the public schools of that country. When he was twenty-two years of age he emigrated to America settling immediately in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where for three years he worked in a sawmill. At the end of that time he moved to Sand Creek and engaged in farming for a short time moving in 1899 to Marshall county, South Dakota, where he remained for thirteen years. In 1909 he purchased land in Chippewa county and in 1912 took up his residence upon it. Here he has since carried on general farming and dairying and his well directed efforts have been rewarded by a substantial measure of success.

Mr. Olson married Miss Lena Larson, a native of Norway, and they became the parents of the following children; Clara, who married Samuel Brusen; Jessie, who lives in Montana; Carl; Edward, Laura and Oscar. Mr. Olson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church of Sand Creek. He is a resident of Auburn township and has been loyal in his undertaking of everything pertaining to the general welfare and has made some substantial contributions to development and progress.

PERCY GORTON.

Percy Gorton, one of the substantial and progressive young agriculturists of Chippewa county, residing at Gorton's Mill, twelve and a half miles northeast of Bloomer, and owning a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres, is also the owner of a saw, feed, lathe and shingle mill, which is one of the old mills of the section. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of this county, his birth having occurred at Bloomer in 1886. His father, Lorentine Gorton, removed from New York, his native state, to Menominee, Dunn county, Wisconsin, and subsequently took up his abode in Eau Claire. Thence he went to Chippewa

Falls and afterward came to Bloomer, where he is now living retired in the home of our subject. He is a millwright by trade and followed that occupation throughout his active business career. Both he and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Louise Wire, are well known in the community and have many friends here.

Percy Gorton attended the schools of his home neighborhood in the acquirement of an education and after putting aside his text-books turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, beginning the operation of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Bloomer township, which has since remained in his possession. He likewise conducts a saw, feed, lathe and shingle mill which is the largest in the locality and which has been there for twenty-two years. In both his farming and milling interests he has won a measure of success that entitles him to recognition among the representative and enterprising citizens of his native county. He erected the new barn which stands on the property, but all of the other buildings were constructed by his father.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Gorton chose Miss Irens Shipman, by whom he has two children: Elmer, a little lad of three years; and Edgar, who is one year old. In his political views Mr. Gorton is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He and his wife are among the popular young people of the community and well merit the regard and esteem accorded them.

G. N. AMBLE.

G. N. Amble, a progressive and successful farmer of Auburn township, owning and operating three hundred and fifty acres of land ten miles southeast of Bloomer, was born in Minnesota in 1862, a son of Nels Olson, a native of Norway. He acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books turned his attention to farming buying three hundred and fifty acres in Auburn township. Upon this property he has since resided carrying on general farming and dairying and he has made extensive improvements upon it, erecting substantial buildings and installing the necessary equipment.

Mr. Amble married Miss Hannah Wikre and both are well known throughout the township. Mr. Amble votes independently and for two years served as township assessor proving a capable and conscientious public official. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and is recognized as a man of sterling character holding the esteem of all who are associated with him.

OSCAR A. JOHNSON.

Oscar A. Johnson, engaged in the creamery business in Bloomer, being the butter maker with the Farmers Creamery Company, was born in the town of Tilden in 1890, a son of John Johnson. His education was acquired in the district schools of the county and in the Bloomer high school until 1909, when he went to Madison and through the succeeding two years pursued a course in dairying

in the State University there. This brought him broad practical as well as scientific training and when his education was completed he secured a position as butter maker in Eau Claire. He afterward went to Greenwood, where he was employed in a similar capacity and next to Beaver Dam, whence he came to Bloomer. He has since remained in this town, doing excellent work as butter maker with the Farmers Creamery Company. In the spring of 1914 he expects to locate upon a farm and take possession of one hundred and eighty acres, which he owns. He will then carry on the dairy business, for which his experience in butter making has well qualified him, bringing him a knowledge of the requirements of dairying. He knows what will best produce butter fat, has studied the question of feeding cattle and with his knowledge and skill will undoubtedly win success in his new work.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Hazel O. Knowles, a daughter of James Knowles, and they have one son, Clayton Edward. In politics Mr. Johnson is a republican having continuously supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is a trustee of the Norwegian Lutheran church and is interested in the moral progress, as well as the material development of the community. Since starting out in life for himself his industry and enterprise have constituted the source of his advancement and recognizing the fact that "there is no royal road to wealth," he puts forth earnest persistent effort in order to reach the goal of his ambition.

FRANK S. GRUBB.

Not only is Frank S. Grubb one of the prosperous merchants of Stanley, Chippewa county, but he is also a substantial real-estate holder and a man who has actively participated in the public life of his community, serving at present as mayor of the city. He has done equally important work along educational lines, being in various parts of the state engaged as teacher and also having acted as a county school superintendent. Born in Sauk county, near Baraboo, Wisconsin, on February 4, 1864, he is a son of Phillip P. and Bena (Rumpf) Grubb, the former born in Germany in 1824 and the latter in the same country in 1829. The father came to America, settling in Sauk county when but nineteen years old, and during all his active life followed agricultural pursuits successfully. He died in 1881. The mother removed from Germany to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, at the age of seventeen and subsequently became a resident of Sauk county, where she passed away in 1905.

Frank S. Grubb is one of nine children born to his parents. He was educated in the public schools of Baraboo, Wisconsin, until seventeen years old and then became a teacher in the schools of that city, so continuing for two years. Afterward he entered the University of Wisconsin at Madison, from which he graduated in 1887. He then accepted the principalship of the high school at Clintonville, Wisconsin, remaining there for one year, and then became principal at Weyauwega, where for two and a half years he filled that position. For six years he was county superintendent of Waupaca county. Coming to Stanley in 1897, he built the first feed and gristmill here but after five years entered the mercantile business,

having conducted an establishment of this kind ever since with increasing success. His store is well appointed and he carries only the best class of goods. As the years have passed prosperity has come to him and he now not only owns his valuable store and residence but also the theater and postoffice buildings in Stanley, beside two other residences.

Mr. Grubb was married on December 24, 1890, at Weyauwega, to Miss Laura Bauer, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bauer, of that city. The father during all his active life was a painter and decorator and died in 1909 at the age of sixty-eight years. The mother yet lives in Weyauwega. Mr. and Mrs. Grubb have four children: Walter, Margaret, Rena and Arthur.

Mr. Grubb is a republican in his political views. In 1910 he was elected mayor of Stanley and discharged his duties in such an able manner that in 1912 he was reelected to the office, continuing to give the city a beneficent, businesslike administration. For two years he was supervisor of Chippewa county and for three years he served as a member of the board of education of Stanley. As mentioned before, he served for six years as county superintendent of schools of Waupaca county, doing valuable work in promoting the cause of education in that section. He is also secretary of the Inter-County Fair Association at Stanley. Among his other interests he is a stockholder and director in the Citizens State Bank and is well known in fraternal circles, belonging to the Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife are Presbyterians, ever giving their active and helpful support to the work of that church. There is much that is commendable in the career of Mr. Grubb, who not only has devoted himself to attain personal affluence but has given much of his time to public work and is now doing valuable service in promoting the welfare of the city. He enjoys in full measure the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, as is evident from his reelection to the important office of mayor, and his record thus far has been such as to justify and merit that confidence.

WILLIAM GEHL.

Among the prosperous and progressive young farmers of Auburn township who are native sons of Chippewa county is William Gehl, who owns and operates a farm of three hundred and thirty-two acres six and one-half miles northwest of Bloomer. Upon this property he was born in 1885, being a son of John Gehl, a native of Germany, who came to the United States when he was twenty-one years of age. He settled in Chippewa county and for a number of years was active in agricultural pursuits, finally retiring and moving to Bloomer, where he still resides. He married Mrs. Happl, a widow, and they became the parents of five children: John, who resides in Canada; Minnie, who makes her home in Iron River, Wisconsin; Fred, of Bloomer; William, of this review; and Edward, who resides in Bloomer.

William Gehl acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books assisted with the operation of the homestead. After his father's retirement he purchased the property and upon it

carries on general farming and dairying, his progressive and practical methods resulting in the attainment of a gratifying measure of success.

Mr. Gehl married Miss Ida Martin, a daughter of Jacob Martin, and both are well known in Auburn township. Mr. Gehl is a member of the Lutheran church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is a man of good business ability, carefully managing his interests and winning the success which is now his. An upright character and sterling worth have gained him a favorable place in the regard of many friends and Auburn township numbers him among her valued citizens.

ANDREW PEDERSON.

Andrew Pederson, a prosperous and representative farmer of Auburn township, was born in Norway in 1871. When he was twelve years of age he emigrated to America and located immediately in Chippewa county where he worked in the lumber woods for several years. At length he turned his attention to farming, buying the property upon which he now resides. He owns two hundred and forty acres of land, ten miles southwest of Bloomer and has made all the improvements upon it, erecting the buildings and installing the machinery. He engages in general farming and is especially interested in raising high-grade sheep. Being a practical and progressive business man his labors have been attended with a gratifying degree of success and he is now numbered among the prominent and able agriculturists of this locality.

Mr. Pederson married Miss Helga Ludrickson and they have become the parents of five children: Emil, Inga, Hilga, Aagot and Clara. The parents are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and Mr. Pederson gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is deeply interested in the welfare and advancement of the county where he has resided since childhood and has made his individual success an important factor in general progress.

CHRIST CHRISTIANSON.

For the past twenty-five years Christ Christianson has lived upon a two hundred acre farm eight miles southwest of Bloomer and by his well directed efforts in its cultivation has attained a gratifying measure of success. He was born in Norway in 1850 and as a young man emigrated to America settling in Chippewa county where he has since resided. For the past quarter of a century he has lived upon his present farm in Auburn township and is largely responsible for its excellent condition having worked the soil and erected all of the buildings with the exception of the house. He carries on general farming and dairying and has made both branches of his activities important and profitable.

Mr. Christianson married Miss Annie Anderson and they have become the parents of eight children; Mila, deceased; Inga, Carl, Mila, the second of the name; Gust, Christina, Alba and Florence. They have also an adopted daughter,

Thora. Mr. Christianson is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran Church and is a Republican in his political beliefs. He served for thirty years on the school board holding during that time the position of clerk, director and treasurer. Having resided in Chippewa county for over a quarter of a century he is widely and favorably known being regarded as a practical farmer and a progressive citizen.

OSCAR JOHNSON.

Oscar Johnson, operating a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Tiiden township and numbered among the most progressive and practical young agriculturists in this locality, was born upon the farm where he now resides in 1887. He is a son of Hans Johnson, a native of Norway, who came to the United States as a boy in 1862, locating in Chippewa county, on the farm now occupied by his son. He followed agricultural pursuits in this locality for many years thereafter, dying upon his farm at the age of fifty-two. He married Miss Rena Loftus, and they became the parents of eight children.

Oscar Johnson acquired his education in the public schools of Chippewa county and after laying aside his books operated the farm for his father for some time. Since the latter's death Mr. Johnson of this review has rented the homestead from his mother and upon this property carries on general farming and stock-raising, meeting with a gratifying and well deserved success.

Mr. Johnson is a republican in his political beliefs and a devout member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. He is a practical farmer and an enterprising and progressive business man and, although still a young man, has already attained a creditable place in agricultural circles of his native county.

L. P. STEVENS.

L. P. Stevens, a well known and successful agriculturist of Bloomer township, owns and operates the Highland Stock Farm, comprising one hundred and twenty acres of land eight miles northeast of Bloomer. His birth occurred in Dunn county, Wisconsin, in the year 1866. His father, J. L. Stevens, was a native of New York and came to this state in early manhood, locating in Dunn county. He followed farming throughout his active business career and spent his last days in honorable retirement at Bloomer.

L. P. Stevens acquired his education in the schools of Pepin county and subsequently worked at various occupations until he came to Chippewa county, Wisconsin. He was afterward engaged in the saloon business in both Bloomer and Stanley and went from the latter place to the farm which he now operates. The property is known as the Highland Stock Farm and in its conduct Mr. Stevens has won well merited success, carrying on general farming and stock-raising in accordance with modern and progressive ideas. He has made all of the improvements on the place and is widely recognized as an enterprising, prosperous and representative agriculturist of his community.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Stevens chose Miss Lillian Gunn, by whom he has three children, namely: Richard, Forrest and Verna. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has fraternal relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

J. E. JOHNSON.

A fine property of one hundred and seventy-two acres lying ten miles southwest of Bloomer in Auburn township, pays tribute to the care and supervision of J. E. Johnson who for a number of years has lived upon it and who is entirely responsible for its present attractive appearance and flourishing condition. He was born in Norway in 1863, the only son of Andrew and Antoinette (Olson) Johnson, also natives of that country. After the father emigrated to America he settled in Marinette county, this state, where he engaged in the sawmilling business. He came to Chippewa county in 1878 and here he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, buying the farm now owned by the subject of this review, and making his home thereon until his death which occurred in 1909 when he was seventy-eight years of age.

J. E. Johnson was six years of age when he accompanied his parents to America and he acquired his education in the public schools of Marinette and Chippewa counties. After laying aside his books he turned his attention to farming and for a number of years past has owned the family homestead which he now operates. His father erected most of the buildings upon the place, but Mr. Johnson of this review has made substantial improvements, has kept everything about the farm in good repair and has neglected nothing which will add to its appearance or value.

Mr. Johnson married Miss Mary Anderson, and they became the parents of eight children: Mrs. Anna Ludwick, Olga, Laura, Albert, Edward, Helga, Harold and Gearhart. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Throughout his life he has worked earnestly and persistently to attain success and is now numbered among the substantial and progressive agriculturists of his township.

MARTIN RASMUS.

Martin Rasmus is prominently and actively connected with business interests of Bloomer as president and principal stockholder of the Bloomer Electric Light & Power Company. He lives upon a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Bloomer township and has made this property his home since the early '70s, his contributions to agricultural development since that time having been many and substantial. He was born in Norway in 1853 and came to the United States in 1869, settling immediately in Bloomer. Here he first engaged as a common laborer and afterward worked at farming and lumbering for several years. In the early '70s he purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Bloomer township and this property he cleared of the dense growth of brush and timber and upon it has

since resided. He has erected a comfortable residence, good barns and outbuildings and has made other substantial improvements, carrying on general farming and dairying.

In addition to his agricultural interests Mr. Rasmus is also well known in business affairs in Bloomer and for a long time has been recognized in that city as a man of great business ability and foresight. For twenty-two years he was a partner of Ole Christianson in the conduct of a large elevator and he is now chief stockholder and president of the Bloomer Electric Light & Power Company. This plant was started by Oscar Anderson, of Colfax, and was operated for a time under the name of Anderson & Pierce. It afterward became Rasmus & Christianson and so continued until Mr. Rasmus purchased all but two hundred dollars' worth of the stock and became president of the concern. Since assuming control he has purchased a mill at Eagle Point and has run a line from there to Bloomer. About three years ago he built an electric line from Eagle Point to Chippewa Falls and now buys current from the Chippewa Valley Railway Light & Power Company. He has about thirty miles of wire in Bloomer and his own house is wired for electricity for both lighting and cooking purposes. Mr. Rasmus owns fifty-five acres of land, a water power and a gristmill near Eagle Point and also has a half interest in a farm known as the Rasmus Brothers' farm near Chippewa Falls, consisting of three hundred and thirteen acres, and he owns eight hundred acres of timber land in Douglas county, Oregon, with about forty million feet of timber upon it.

In 1873 Mr. Rasmus was united in marriage to Miss Annie Fikji, who died in 1906. To them were born twelve children, four of whom still survive, as follows: Mrs. Amelia Fulker, Herman, Edward and Oleana. In 1907 Mr. Rasmus was again married, his second wife being Miss Marie Amant, and they became the parents of two children, Albert and Alasia.

Mr. Rasmus is a member of the Lutheran church and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Scandinavian lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically he is a republican but has never sought local offices, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which, being capably conducted, are bringing him richly merited success.

JOHN A. MORRIS.

The undertaking establishment of John A. Morris takes a foremost place among such institutions in Chippewa Falls. However, Mr. Morris has not only exerted himself to promote his own interests but has done much to benefit the general welfare and at present serves as president of the city council. He conducts his establishment at No. 305 North Bridge street where he keeps in stock all accessories that are needed in his business. Mr. Morris has been a resident of Chippewa county since May, 1873, coving a period of over forty years. At that time he came from Milford, Massachusetts, where he was born on June 15, 1859, a son of Patrick and Ann (Boyle) Morris. The father died in Chippewa Falls in 1902 and is buried here. He was prominent in the county, holding many important offices, and enjoyed the confidence of the public in a



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large measure. His death caused widespread regret and his memory is still held in veneration by many of his old-time friends. Mrs. Patrick Morris, who is seventy-six years of age, resides with her son John and is still remarkably active for one of her years. She became the mother of nine children, as follows: Penelope, the wife of J. J. Thornton, a street car conductor of Chippewa Falls; John A., of this review; Thomas F., who resides in Idaho; Mary E., who married J. B. Mathews, a wholesale grocer of Ashland, Wisconsin; Anna B., a milliner of Chippewa Falls; Michael B., engaged in the lumber business at Iron River, this state; Frank F., an electrician for the Great Northern Railroad at Portland, Oregon; Luke J., a druggist of Virginia, Minnesota; and Charles F., who is prominent as a lawyer at Iron River, this state.

John A. Morris attended school in Chippewa Falls until fifteen years of age and in the next year began teaching, in which occupation he continued for a period of three years. He then turned his attention to the mercantile field, clerking for about five years for the Glucksman Mercantile Company, and then established himself with E. H. Coleman in the furniture and undertaking business, this partnership continuing for four years. Mr. Morris subsequently became sole owner of the business, which grew in a gratifying manner and made him one of the substantial merchants of the city. In 1888, however, he sold the furniture business but still conducts the undertaking establishment. He thoroughly understands the details of the business and carries a complete and well selected line of goods. As the years have passed he has gained a high reputation for honest, straightforward methods and reliability. Among other interests Mr. Morris is connected with the Chippewa Building & Loan Association, having served as secretary of this institution for eleven years.

In Fox Lake, Wisconsin, in 1883, Mr. Morris was united in marriage to Miss Anna Bowe, a daughter of Jeremiah and Ann (McGuire) Bowe, both of whom have passed away and are buried in the cemetery at Fox Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Morris had one daughter, Helen, at home. In 1891 Mr. Morris married, in Chippewa Falls, Miss Agnes L. Church, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Church, both deceased and buried in this city.

In his political affiliations Mr. Morris is a democrat and always gives his stalwart support to measures and candidates of this party. He has taken a laudable interest in local affairs, serving at the present time in the important position of president of the council, with which governing body he has been connected for twelve years, doing most valuable work and giving evidence of his deep interest in all matters that affect civic welfare and civic improvement. His interest in the cause of education is manifest from the fact that he served for four years on the school board. He has also held the office of county supervisor for twelve years, doing valuable work in this connection. He is a member of the Northwestern State Fair, which organization has done much to promote agricultural and other interests in Chippewa county. Along professional lines he is president of the Wisconsin Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association. His religion is that of the Catholic church. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, of which he is grand knight and holds the fourth degree, and the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, as well as the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Knights of Honor and the Maccabees. For forty years a resident of Chippewa Falls, his private interests and those of a general nature

have become closely allied and he has not only achieved success for himself but has been a forceful factor in bringing about the advancement which the city and county now enjoy. It is interesting to note that one member of his family, an uncle, was a resident of Chippewa Falls as early as 1854, when he engaged here successfully in the lumber business, passing away in this city in 1872. Mr. Morris is one of the foremost citizens of Chippewa Falls, as is evident from the important position which he occupies in public life, and is the recipient of the highest regard and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

RALPH H. ANDERSON.

Ralph H. Anderson is manager of the real-estate department of the Northwestern Lumber Company. For a long period he has been connected with this corporation and has gradually worked his way upward until he was given charge of the land holdings of the company and controls its business in this connection at Stanley.

HENRY J. GODDARD.

Henry J. Goddard is filling the office of postmaster at Chippewa Falls for the fourth term and his record in public office is a most creditable one. He has filled various positions and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. His high standing among those occupying similar positions is indicated in the fact that in September, 1912, at Madison, he was elected president of the Wisconsin Association of Postmasters.

Mr. Goddard was born November 3, 1844, in Almond, Allegany county, New York, his parents being Nathaniel and Lucinda Goddard. Following the removal of the family to the west he pursued his education in Beloit and supplemented his high-school studies by a full course in Bryant & Stratton's business college. Mr. Goddard has an interesting military record. He enlisted as hospital steward in the regular army during the Civil war and was on duty at Fortress Monroe, Virginia; Hampton, Virginia, and at Richmond and Fredericksburg. He was transferred to Washington, D. C., by order of Surgeon General Barns, to assist in compiling the medical and surgical history of the war which work was conducted in Ford's theater, where the lamented President Lincoln was assassinated by Wilkes Booth. After leaving the capital city he was employed by Dr. B. F. Mills in connection with the drug business and in October, 1874, came to Chippewa Falls, where he purchased a drug store owned by Charles Hinkley. He was for a quarter of a century active in the commercial circles of the city as proprietor of that store, but sold out in September, 1899. In the meantime he had been called to several public offices, his fellow townsmen recognizing his worth and ability. It was in 1878 that he was chosen city treasurer and in 1885 he was elected a member of the state legislature for a two-year term. While in the assembly he served as chairman of the railroad committee and was at all times actively interested in

matters relating to the public welfare, giving his indorsement to various plans which he deemed of essential value to the commonwealth. His first appointment to the position of postmaster of Chippewa Falls came from President McKinley on the 31st of March, 1900. He was reappointed by President Roosevelt, April 27, 1904, again by Roosevelt, April 9, 1908, and is now serving under appointment of William H. Taft, who named him for the position on the 17th of April, 1912. His present incumbency, therefore, will complete sixteen years' service in this position. He has discharged his public duties with the same sense of loyalty and fidelity which marked the career of his private business interests when he was connected with the commercial life of Chippewa Falls. In addition to his duties as postmaster Mr. Goddard has other business connections. He is one of the trustees of the Chippewa Falls Building & Loan Association and has been president of the Chippewa Falls Cemetery Association for many years.

On the 22d of June, 1871, Mr. Goddard was married in Lima, New York, to Miss J. Adelle Grover, a daughter of Levi P. and Elvira M. Grover. Her father passed away in the year 1882 and the mother is now living at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. Mrs. Goddard, a woman of lovable character, passed away at Chippewa Falls, April 8, 1900. Mr. Goddard has a family of two children: Arthur Grover; and Jennie E., the latter the wife of John Brooks, resident manager of the Chippewa Sugar Company. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks have a beautiful little daughter, Mary Adelle, now three and a half years of age.

In politics Mr. Goddard has always been a consistent republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is now a member of the Progressive League and one of its trustees. He is identified with a number of fraternal organizations, holding membership in Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176, F. & A. M.; Chippewa Chapter No. 46, R. A. M.; Tancred Commandery No. 27, K. T.; and Wisconsin Consistory No. 1, S. P. R. S. Of the blue lodge chapter and commandery he is treasurer. He likewise has membership with the Nobles of Tripoli Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Wisconsin; of Chippewa Falls K. P. and in 1877 was a member of the grand lodge. He is very prominent in grand army circles and was chief of staff of the department commander of Wisconsin for about six years. He has been commander of James Cornerford Post G. A. R. and its quartermaster for the past twelve years. He never ceases to feel deeply interested in the welfare of his fellow comrades in arms and for ten years has been president of the Chippewa County Soldiers' Relief Association. For twenty years or more he has served on the school board and the cause of education indeed finds in him a stalwart champion, whose labors in its behalf are most effective. His wife held membership in the Presbyterian church and her many good qualities of heart and mind had endeared her to a large circle of friends. Mr. Goddard is justly accounted one of the prominent representative and valued citizens of the community, well deserving prominent mention in the history of Chippewa county.

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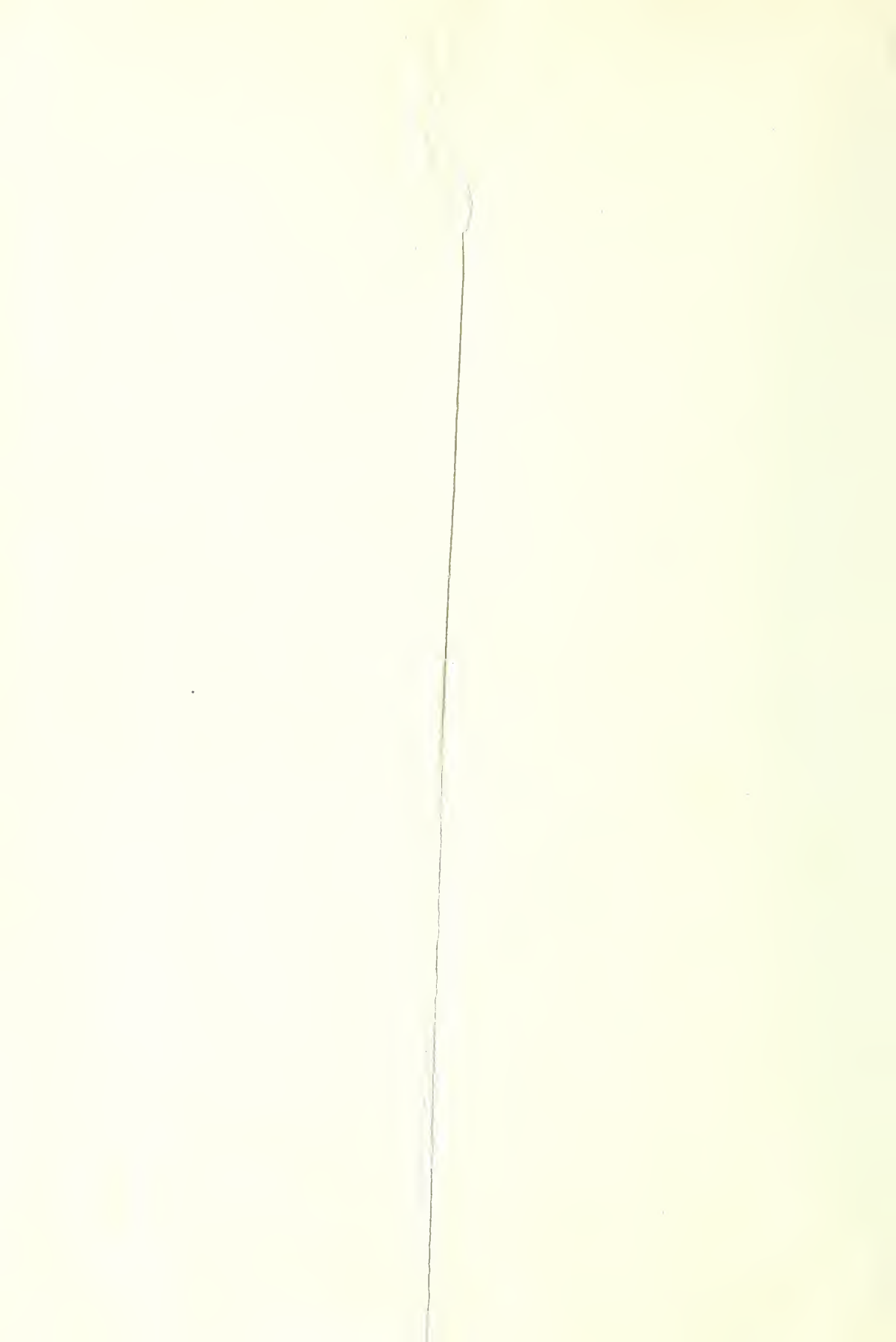
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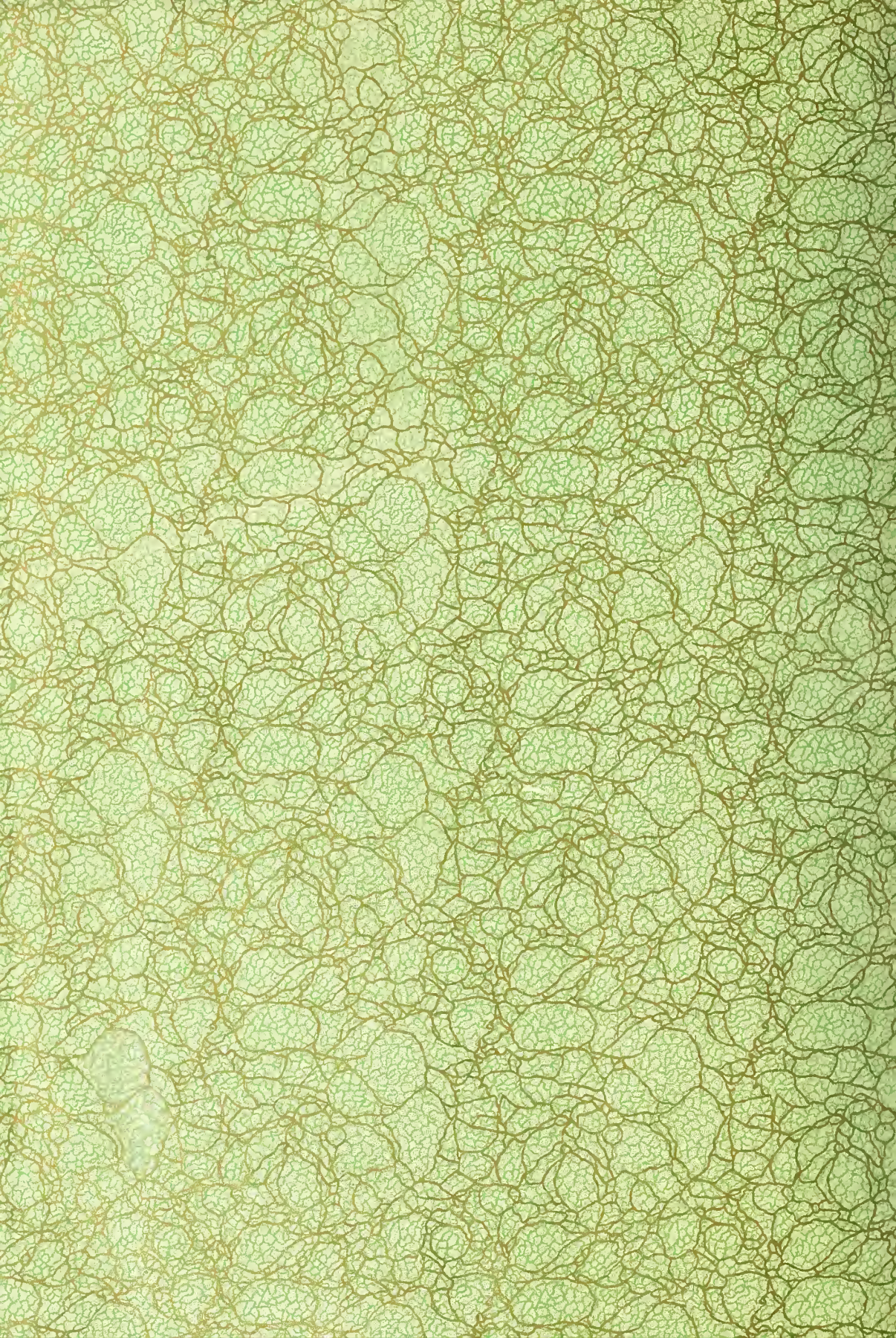
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